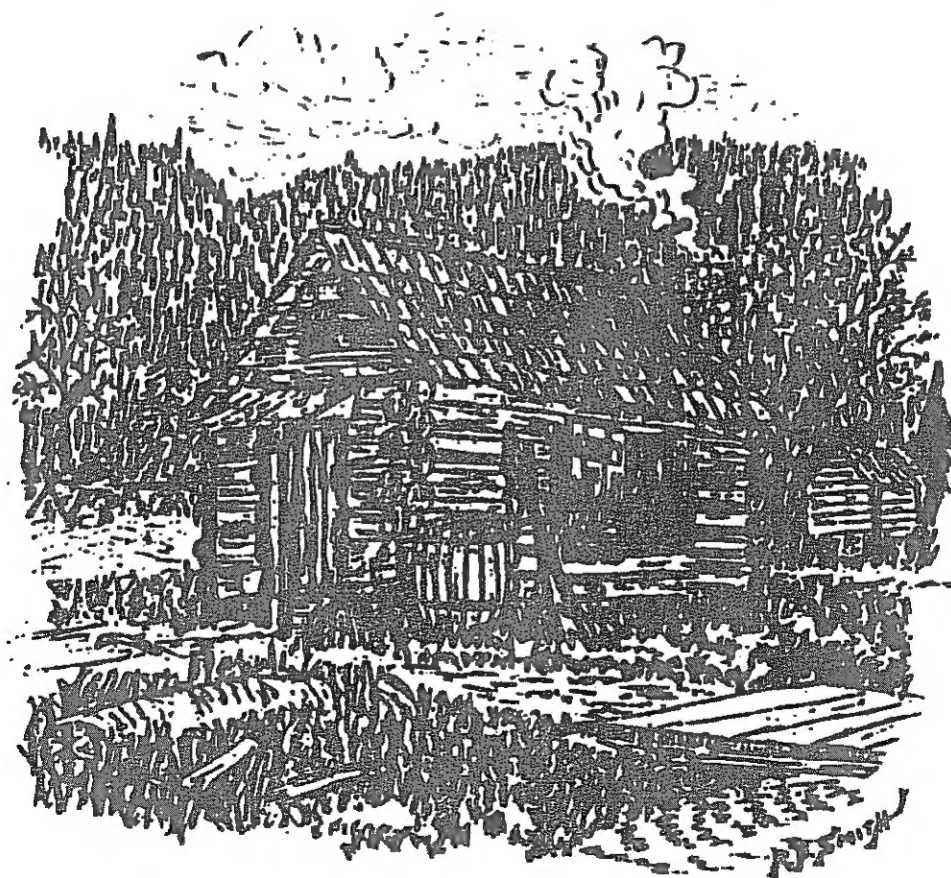


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Dear Friends and Cousins:

My feelings are on a see-saw as I write this letter to you. It's been an exciting time for HCPD, yet it's been a sad one too. Crossroads was released August 11 and is almost sold-out of the first printing! The annual gathering was the biggest and best ever! But, two weeks ago, HCPD lost one of it's most dedicated members, Robert B. Smith, who died of a brain tumor. We miss him.

Bob was an assistant editor of the Journal and did the final page numbering, made the trips to the printer, etc. We've done some revamping in the staff and here's the way it looks. David Armstrong, junior assistant editor, has moved up to senior assistant editor, and Jane Boyer, my daughter, has volunteered as junior assistant. Jane was on her high school newspaper staff and worked for a newspaper in Ohio for two years. She is doing most of the typing for the Journal. Yours truly will coordinate printing with Bingo Express, our printer in Clarksburg. Raydine Teixeira will be doing the page numbering and, with other local volunteers, will prepare the Journal for mailing.

In recent days we've had some calls about delays in receiving books ordered. The staff is all volunteers. Each volunteer has specific duties and, generally, it takes ten days to two weeks for orders to be processed through the system of volunteers. If a volunteer is on vacation, as has been the case this fall, there will be delays. We know you're excited and anxious to receive your orders and we do our best to fill orders in a timely manner. Please try to understand.

While we're on the subject of publications. Remember that the Journals have no specific schedule. We promise four issues, plus the index, annually. They are numbered Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall, with no specific month for their issue. We try to stick to a quarterly schedule, but sometimes we get bogged down with other projects. Like the rest of the staff, the Journal staff is all volunteers.

The index for this volume will arrive with issue 1 of Volume XII. If you have not paid your dues for 1994 by the time Volume XII is mailed, you will only receive the index and not issue 1.

Dates for next year's gathering are August 11-14. Plans for the gathering will arrive by special letter to you in March-April. Look for it!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name "Jay" written in a stylized, cursive script.

Early October 1993

Notes from the HCPD President:

As they say in Texas, "If you've done, It ain't braggin'." Bill Hayes, Chairman of the Book Committee, and members Joy Gilchrist, author, Charles Gilchrist, co-author, Raydine Teicheira, and Barbara McCarty can feel free to do some "braggin" about the book they produced. All of us have witnessed a birth of an idea. We take our hats off to Bill for his idea of a book, and to the committee and their labor of love to put an idea on paper. A Pictorial History of Old Lewis County - The Crossroads of Central West Virginia is receiving excellent reviews. Over 800 copies have been sold of the 1000 copies published.

The 1993 Annual Gathering in August found my wife and I in Vermont along with HCPD members John and Bernadette Law. Bernadette and I represented two of the fourteen Soil Conservation Districts of West Virginia in the Northeastern Regional meeting.

The Annual Gathering at Jane Lew had high attendance from a record number of states. This speaks well of the "depth of field" of the HCPD Executive Committee. The bottom line: "The show went on without the President."

To paraphrase a statement of the late President John F. Kennedy when he was at the Berlin Wall and said, "I am a Berliner", well I can say after attending the McWhorter Bicentennial Celebration, "I am a McWhorter". HCPD member Bob McWhorter, in his planning, meeting, working, and prodding, led the Celebration program at Jackson's Mill in July in one grand fashion!

The first permanent settlers of Old Lewis County, John and Margaret Hacker, have a new monument at their graves in the Morrison Cemetery near Berlin. To those who contributed to the cost of the monument, we say thank you, and to those who wish to contribute may still do so.

Speaking of the first family of Old Lewis County, the logs of the John Hacker house, now a barn for hay storage, are deteriorating. Along with HCPD members Bob McWhorter and Chuck Gilchrist, we met with some of the owners on October 4, 1993, at the site. With Bob's metal detector we salvaged a short log free of nails. I took the short log to a saw mill which has a horizontal band saw. The mill operator sawed the log into one inch thick boards. The wood is chestnut, but severely weathered. More later.

In the book the Scout of the Buckongehannon, by J. C. McWhorter, he describes a geographic triangle with Nutter Fort on the north, Buckhannon Fort southeasterly and Hacker's Creek westerly and thence northeasterly to Nutter Fort. Could it be that Mahonegon, son of the Great Delaware Chief, Buckongahelas was killed by Captain White on a ridge of lower Turkey Run in Upshur County? Elza Wilson and Don Smith of Philippi invited me to accompany them to that area just to look and ponder just where Mahonegon was when he was killed.

Maurice L. Albman
President, HCPD

DUES

HCPD's fiscal year is October 1 - September 30. Therefore, dues for 1994 are now due and payable. If your dues are not paid by the time the next issue of the Journal is mailed, sometime in mid-January, you will not receive your first issue.

NEW PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Yesteryears, Vol. III, was released for sale in November. Written by Bill Adler, Yesteryears was originally published in the Weston Democrat in 1984. Copied for papers preserved by Robert B. Smith and indexed by Elaine Stalnaker, the nearly 200 page book is \$12.00, postage paid.

NEW PRINTER FOR LIBRARY

Note the new typestyle in this issue. We have a new computer printer at the library. Let us know what you think about the style.

During HCPD Pioneer Descendants Gathering

Cousins! Kissin' cousins! Kith and kin! The 233 folks who traveled from 23 states to the Jane Lew Volunteer Fire Department August 11-15 for the 11th Annual Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants (HCPD) Gathering were not all related to each other, but all were inter-related — everyone was related to someone. Nor did all the 233 people trace their roots to Hacker's Creek; rather, they traced their roots to the Central West Virginia area.

The youngest attendee was three-year-old Charlie Boyer from Millersburg, Ohio. The oldest? Who knows. Several were over the four-score mark.

It was a family affair! Children set tables, young adults ran errands, and grandmas brought their goodies!

Denton King traveled from Ireland (West Virginia, that is) to sing for his supper, and yours truly maintained her balance (much to the amazement of fellow passengers) while telling the history of the area as Jim Hoover drove a tour bus over the humpbacks and around the curves on Route 19 and the old Weston and Gauley Bridge Turnpike in southern Lewis County.

Charles Gilchrist chaired the whole event with aplomb, humor, and purpose.

It was a learning experience! During Saturday evening's program, Don Bond from Morgantown said that "Scotch" was something you drink and not a nationality, and that many of our ancestors were "Scots and Scots-Irish." Six students from Nyla Collins' Golden Horseshoe class at Jane Lew School monitored seminars, learned to use census records and other genealogical reference books, and crowded into the back end of the "sold-out" tour bus up and down Hacker's Creek. And numerous times throughout the weekend, various individuals gleefully shouted, "I found him! I found him! I found my third

great-grandfather (or Uncle Henry, or Great-Great-Aunt Jane)!"

It was a weekend filled with laughter and tears, shared joys and shared cares. It was a renewal of friendships, the making of new friendships, and the reconnection of each of us to our roots.

The weekend of excitement started with the arrival of the new book, A Pictorial History of Old Lewis County: The Crossroads of Central West Virginia, at the Society's library on Center Avenue Wednesday morning, and concluded with a stirring sermon by HCPD member Larry Smith of Lost Creek during the annual worship service held this year at Law Chapel on Smoke Camp Run. Packed in between were a theater outing, tours, research, entertainment, food, and fellowship.

Charles Gilchrist, HCPD vice president, said: "Every year we wonder how we can improve the Gathering and make it even better the next year. By working together, we continue to grow."

On Wednesday evening, 68 persons met for dinner at the Wilderness Plantation Inn at Jane Lew. Charlotte Gerlach's mural of Historic Lewis County provided the perfect backdrop for the first scheduled event of the action-packed historical weekend. Travelers and locals gathered to renew acquaintances and break bread together before caravanning to Morgantown to see the play "South Pacific". HCPD member and stage/TV star Bill Hayes starred as Emile de Becque in the play. Bill, who also served as HCPD Book Committee Chairman, met with the group after the performance and was presented with a copy of the new Lewis County history book authored by Joy and Charles Gilchrist.

Thursday was Moving Day. The HCPD library collection was packed

in 85 boxes by librarian Irma Curtis and her assistant, Mary Lee Smith. Earl Balsley of Dayton, Ohio, Bill Waggoner of Grafton, Hartzel Strader of Miamisburg, Ohio, Joyce and Alicia Chambers of South Bend, Ind., Okey Corley of Connecticut, Bill Connolly of Missouri, and yours truly showed up to assist Chuck Gilchrist, Irma, and Mary Lee in moving the library, the new history books, the copiers, and the computer to the fire department at Jane Lew.

Once the trucks reached the fire department, all of the above and several others whose names are now lost in the tangles of my mind pitched in to set up tables, arrange the library, and make sure everything was ready to go.

For the first time, an HCPD Gathering went MODERN. We were COMPUTERIZED! Hartzel Strader brought his computer—with his thousands of Lewis County names—and set up a table near the library. And there was also the HCPD computer, with 60,000 or so names.

Then there were the kibitzers — those whose health prevented them from helping. They were there to offer moral support and sometimes-needed/sometimes-not-wanted advice.

After a bologna sandwich lunch, the crew began to get a portent of what was to come. People—lots of people—began to arrive. In fact, there were more people researching Thursday afternoon before the Gathering "officially" started than were at their first Gathering in 1982 when the HCPD was organized at the Broad Run Church.

Thanks to the organization of Elaine Stalnaker of Camden, HCPD treasurer, and Eva Newton of Clarksburg, secretary, and the number of preregistrations for the Gathering, registration was a breeze. Few people had to wait in line.

Just as an army moves on its stomach, so goes an HCPD Gathering. FOOD!! is important. A covered-dish dinner was held Thursday evening. Committee persons for the event were: Raydine Teichera of Jane Lew, Patty Swisher of Harrisonburg, Va., LeEarl Bryant of Washington, D.C., Jane Boyer of Millersburg, Ohio, and Elle Maroon of Altamont, Ill. West Virginia wildflowers were used to decorate the tables. Approximately 95 persons attended.

On Friday and Saturday, daytime snacks and plate lunches were served by the Shamrock Extension Homemakers Club of Ireland. The club donated its profits to the new Unity Hospice program in Lewis County.

Dinner both days was catered by Grace Shanower of Uniontown, Ohio. Grace is part of the extended family of several HCPD members. She was assisted by her daughter, Theresa Bowen, and HCPD members Joe Gilchrist of North Canton, Ohio, and Dena Boyer of Millersburg, Ohio. As in households where there are children, several of the children assisted with the dinners — setting tables, serving drinks and dessert, and pitching in to help with cleanup activities.

The doors opened Friday morning at 8:30 a.m. Irma and her assistants, Jenny and Julie Foster, manned the library and instructed first-time-Gathering-goers in the intricacies of researching in the HCPD library. Before long, all the research tables were full.

Barbara McCarty of Jane Lew did a brisk business at the sales table. (They tell me that the new history book and the five books of cemetery listings were the best sellers.)

Scheduled events for the morning included two seminars. "Beginning Genealogy" was taught by Charles Gilchrist and Joyce Chambers. "Genealogical Problems", a panel discussion, was led by Dennis Rodgers of Champaign, Ill. Panel members were Hartzel Strader, Joy Gilchrist, Elle Maroon, and Robert B. Smith of Lost Creek. The discussion was lively.

Everyone — panel and audience alike — learned a few new tricks to researching family history.

Two tours, via school bus, left the fire department at 1 p.m. Friday. The Hacker's Creek tour was a "sellout" with 52 persons on board. The fast-paced, four-hour trip included an unscheduled stop in Buckhannon to check out a small mechanical difficulty with the bus and stops at numerous historic sites from Buckhannon to Jane Lew. Indian village sites, old fort sites, Pringle Tree, family burying grounds, and tales of Indian massacres were discussed. Yours truly provided the narration. In addition, Bill Adler of Deerfield shared his knowledge of Weston with about 20 persons on a walking-driving tour of Lewis County's governmental seat. Both tours took place in 90° temperatures, but wilted brows and sticky bus seats did not alter the good time had by the tourists.

Friday evening's program was opened by Charles Gilchrist and included the now traditional roll call of states and roll call of families being researched. The roll call of families gave everyone an opportunity to learn about others there who were researching the same families. Bonnie Ware of Alabama found two people researching her Hitt family, and Eileen Kissick of Kennard, Ind., found someone researching her Williams family.

Traditional mountain folk music was presented by Marion Countians Bob Burrell and Terry Schumacher. Some of the music was toe-tappin', some of it was tear-jerkin', and all of it was not unlike what the early settlers enjoyed as they sat around the family hearth after a hard day's work clearing fields, breaking flax, or digging ginseng.

Saturday morning's crowd for the annual business meeting was small. Yours truly heard later that folks chose that morning to go roaming around the countryside in search of newly discovered cousins and long-forgot-

ten family cemeteries. By noon, the hall was full again. The business meeting over, the Homemakers were busy fixing lunches so everyone could catch the next tour bus or leave for Jackson's Mill for the burying of the McWhorter Family time capsule.

The time capsule was prepared by Robert F. McWhorter and Donovan Bond of Morgantown in recognition of the 200th anniversary of the construction of the McWhorter log cabin. The cabin was built in 1793 at West's Fort (now Jane Lew) by miller Henry McWhorter. Besides being a family home, it served the community as a store, church, and post office. In 1924, through the efforts of Minnie McWhorter, the cabin was moved to Jackson's Mill.

The time capsule, which was buried beneath the front stoop of the cabin, contains more than 100 items, including a tape of the McWhorter Family Association meeting of 1993, a piece of McWhorter tartan, books written by L.V. "Big Foot" McWhorter and yours truly, as Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants lapel pin, a script of the play "Border Settlers" by Otis Reed, and a list of the items in the capsule.

As part of the ceremony, Bob McWhorter recognized McWhorter descendant Walter Neely Jr., the only living McWhorter to have ever slept in the old cabin. He also presented several of the younger generation of the McWhorter family and charged them with opening the time capsule in July 2043, on the 250th anniversary of the construction of the cabin.

Saturday's tour bus was scheduled to be guided by Robert B. Smith. However, due to the extreme heat and humidity of the day and some health problems, he was unable to fulfill his commitment, and the job fell to yours truly. Jim Hoover, the bus driver, and Beecher Rhoades of Freeman's Creek assisted with the narration. Both men are native Lewis Countians and have long been interested in the county's history.

After a stop at Jackson's Mill, where the group witnessed the burying of the time capsule and toured the Jackson and Blaker mills, the bus proceeded through Butchersville, Turnertown, parts of Weston, and down the old Weston and Gauley Bridge Turnpike, where the first stop was at the Stonewall Jackson Dam. After driving out the Skin Creek Road and viewing homesites of early settlers there, the bus went through Vandalia and then south to Walkersville. Jim backed the bus—with but inches to spare—through the gates of Annamadee. At the Red Bridge, Lewis County's only extant covered bridge, passengers walked through the bridge and met the bus on the other side. With pauses at Long Point Cemetery, the old Arnold School site, and George J. Arnold's Indian Farm, the group toured the Mary Conrad Park and heard the saga of the double-pen log house and its future. After a quick drive through the recreational area at the Lake and a stop in front of the old Weston Colored School in Weston, the bus hightailed it back to the fire department in time for dinner and the evening program.

The hall was packed Saturday night! Many local members came out for the entertainment.

Grins a mile wide greeted the Central Connection Cloggers as they entered the hall dancing to "Cotton-Eyed Joe". Their half-hour performance was well-rewarded with lots of applause and lots of cash in the hat when it was passed to assist the cloggers with their trip to the National Cloggers Convention in Nashville, Tenn.

Donovan Bond's Scots-Irish talk was informative, enlightening, and occasionally humorous. He provided many clues about why West Virginians are the way they are — independent, patriotic, and generally hard-working.

Last on the program — and the last event of the Gathering for many who

would be leaving early the next morning for places like California, Utah, and Illinois — was Denton King. Denton, who accompanied himself on his guitar, sang several traditional songs, but the bulk of his program were songs that he had written. Most of his music pulled at the heartstrings, as he expressed the feelings of many of us who have, for one reason or another, been called upon to live somewhere other than our beloved West Virginia hills. He sang of being called "West Virginia" because of the way he talked; of country church services; of father and mother; of being buried in West Virginia soil. He sang to everyone who was there. He sang of us, for us, to us, about us. He helped make the 1993 Gathering a most memorable event. Thank you, Denton.

The road was winding and narrow, but well-marked (thanks to the signs erected in the wee morning hours by Charles and May White of Belfast, Maine, and Weston), as 58 churchgoers wended their way up Freeman's Creek and Smoke Camp to Law Chapel on sunny Sunday morning. The old church, constructed in 1878 by John Law and his family and now maintained by the Law Chapel Cemetery Association, was spotless; the lawn was mowed and trimmed; and the graves were decorated with flowers as though for Decoration Day.

Old-style hymnals and old-time fans awaited the congregation in the straight-backed pews. The potbellied stove, not needed on this warm August morning, was in its place; kerosene lamps marched down the poplar-boarded walls; and old Aladdin oil lamps were suspended from the ceiling. A bouquet of joe-pye, ironweed, thistle, and Queen Anne's lace was placed in an antique crockery jar in front of the altar; another of summer garden flowers adorned the claw-foot table near the organ.

As the congregation, some dressed in old-fashioned clothing, began to

arrive to the accompaniment of music from the old pump organ, ably played by Joyce Chambers, one had the sense that one had stepped back in time. Seated in a place of honor in the front pew was Mabel Law Gainer, one of two surviving grandchildren of the church's founder. Others in the congregation were descended from early church members or had attended the church as youngsters.

Because the morning speaker had not yet arrived, the service started a bit late, and as yours truly started The Order of Worship, she offered a prayer that the speaker would arrive. So the service started. Through the opening prayer and several well-known hymns (extra verses, too) — and still no speaker. Through the responsive reading, the long 136th Psalm — and still no speaker. Through the children's service and more hymns — and still no speaker. Through the offering, with Charles Gilchrist and Robert B. Smith as ushers and heavenly dulcimer music by Dr. David Bartlett of Arkansas — and still no speaker. There was but one song left before the sermon — a duet by Ralph and Twila Hinzman. As their blended voices reached the third verse of "Be Still, My Soul", a shadow darkened the door. Larry Smith, the speaker, dressed as his great-great-great-grandfather, the Rev. David Smith, had arrived!

As Larry, a lay speaker, began his sermon, he humorously explained that he had been driving around for more than an hour, lost on the back country roads of Freeman's Creek. He had managed to make it back to Weston foray and was nearly out of gas. Then, speaking from the heart, without notes and without hesitation in voice or manner, he spoke emotively of family and the need to pre-serve it. He carried us backward to the days of Noah and the one family that

survived the Great Flood. He carried us back to Adam and Eve. Then he

brought us forward to the great prophets. All the while, he explained that God was trying to preserve His people as a family, but that we, as a people, don't always listen. He brought us to Christ as our saviour and said that many still reject Him. Larry likened our rejection of Christ to the rejection expressed sometimes by family members, one to another. He reminded us of the hurt we feel during these periods of rejection and urged all to make peace with their families and with Christ.

When Larry had finished his talk, there were many responding "Amen's" — this in a congregation of people from all walks of life, from many denominations, and of all ages. This "Amen" came from the hearts of all who uttered it.

I have heard many sermons in my 52 years — some by great preachers like Billy Graham and Oral Roberts, and others by divinity students and resident pastors. But in all my years I have never been so moved or so touched as I was by the simple words of Larry Smith uttered in the old country church on Smoke Camp Run on the Right Hand Fork of Freeman's Creek in Lewis County on that sunny summer Sunday morning.

And I wasn't alone. I looked around the old church and saw husband taking wife's hand, and mother putting her arm around son. I saw brother reaching out to brother and cousin to cousin. I saw tears welling from the eyes of young and old, male and female. I saw that we had been touched by the hand of God through the sincere words of Larry Smith.

The reaching out for one another continued as the entire congregation joined hands in an unbroken link and sang "Amazing Grace" and concluded the service with "Till We Meet Again".

The 11th Annual Gathering of the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants had come to a close — except for the cleanup back at the fire station. Several churchgoers came armed with a change of clothes and stopped to help. Grace came to pick up her leftover food and catering supplies and handed out ham sandwiches to the workers. Twila Hinzman and the crew of broom-pushers pushed brooms with one hand and ate sandwiches with the other. Henry Bower of Baltimore, Md., was recuperating from heart surgery and couldn't do any lifting or pushing, but he rolled up his sleeves and cleaned sinks and toilets in the

restrooms. Jim Allman of Weston joined the movers in loading and carting books back to the library. As the work had been throughout the weekend, the cleanup was a FAMILY AFFAIR! And the work was made light by many hands.

The 12th Annual Gathering of the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants is scheduled for August 11-14, 1994. Hope to see you there!

*Recognizing
anyone?
On tour, with
Bill Adler,
at the gathering*





HCPD MEMBERS AND FRIENDS POSE ON GROUNDS AT LAW CHAPEL

COMING ATTRACTIONS

RESEARCH AND RECREATION

Several HCPD members will meet in Ft. Wayne, IN, to research and "visit." They will meet at the downtown Holiday Inn on Friday evening, January 14th. If you have further questions contact Joy Gilchrist or Joyce Chambers in South Bend.

SENIOR SEMINARS

Joy and Chuck Gilchrist will conduct an Elderhostel seminar at Jackson's Mill Conference Center the week of March 27th, 1994. The subject is genealogy, and the program is planned to benefit the veteran as well as the beginner.

A second Elderhostel, "Our Patriotic Ancestors" will be held the week beginning July 3, 1994. Emphasis will be on searching patriotic heritages as proofs for organizations.

HCPD ANNUAL MEETING
AUGUST 14, 1993

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Place: Jane Lew Fire Hall

Charles Gilchrist, Vice President of Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants, called the meeting to order. Chuck presided in the absence of the President, Maurice Allman, who was in Burlington, VT. studying policies that may affect possible grant monies for organizations similar to HCPD.

Chuck opened the meeting with a discussion of the progress the organization has made since the last Gathering: a balcony to accommodate the over-flow of material, the rental of a copier to help reduce the cost of printing, the installation of a phone, a sign in the front yard, acquisition of two computers, landscaping, and certainly the donation of materials and time volunteered by members. Ed Allman resigned as treasurer because of personal family reasons and Elaine Stalnaker was appointed to replace him. Membership has increased sharply, along with contributions to the Endowment Fund.

Amendments to the by-laws were read and voted on by the membership. They were approved as presented.

Secretary Eva Newlon submitted a motion to accept the minutes of the 1992 Gathering as published in the first issue of 1993. All minutes are on file in the library for inspection by the membership at all times. Motion carried.

Treasurer Elaine Stalnaker discussed the financial report that was included in the program packet. Following a discussion of various accounts the report was approved as read.

Raydine Teicheira reported on a trip to Charleston with President Allman where they attended a seminar to learn how to prepare a working budget for non-profit organizations.

Joy Gilchrist, Editor, told of the long hours spent preparing the History Book, and the time needed to get the HC Journal ready for printing. She explained that it takes six weeks for the membership to receive a Journal from its inception. Joy also announced that the "Weston Colored School" was named to the National Register of historic places on April 9, 1993. She discussed her sessions with the students in all Lewis county schools. She worked with gifted students as well as with all WV history students. Two students from the Jane Lew school and one from Weston qualified for the coveted Golden Horseshoe award.

Joy and Chuck will be teaching a class for Elderhostel at Jackson's Mill the last week of March 1994 - topic-genealogy.

She told of the part HCPD had in the moving of the Mary Conrad Cabin to Jackson Mill and the building of the all-purpose building which was needed in order to have the cabin placed at the Mill. The cabin will be used as a visitors center.

The meeting adjourned until next year.

Respectfully submitted.

Eva

Eva Newlon, Secretary

*Eva Newlon &
Jerma Curtis -
Showout on
Saturday!*



*Cemetery Chairman
Matha Syra*



MEMORIAL TO ROBERT B. SMITH
CHARTER MEMBER, PAST PRESIDENT, AND ASSISTANT JOURNAL
EDITOR

Robert Brooks Smith, 70, of Route One, Lost Creek, WV, died at 3:55 a.m., Wednesday, October 27, 1993, at the Louis A. Johnson V.A. Medical Center in Clarksburg.

Those who were at the annual HCPD Gathering in August will recall that Bob wasn't feeling well. He was scheduled for a CAT Scan when collapsed at home on September 22; tests showed two inoperable brain tumors.

Bob was born October 28, 1922, at Clarksburg, a son of the late Harry F. Smith and Freda Eugenia Backus Smith.

On June 14, 1941, he married Ruth Virginia O'Field, who survives.

Also surviving are one son, Larry B. Smith of Buffalo Lake, West Milford; one brother, William H. Smith of Clarksburg; one granddaughter, Mrs. Dean (Jennifer L.) Barnes of Clarksburg; three grandsons, Joel D. Smith of Grafton, Daniel B. Smith and Aaron M. Smith, both of West Milford; and one great-grandson, Nathan L. Rhoades of Good Hope.

He was also preceded in death by one infant son, Gregory Allen; two sisters and one brother.

Bob was a 1940 graduate of Washington Irving High School, a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, having served in the Atlantic and Pacific theatres, and a member of VFW Post 573, Clarksburg.

He retired from IBEW Local Union 596 with 41 years of service.

He was a well-known historian and genealogist.

A descendant of John Hacker, the first permanent white settler of Lewis County, and of David Smith, one of the founder's of Harmony Methodist Church, he was a charter member and past president of the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants and currently served as assistant editor of the Hacker's Creek Journal and was an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee as the society's historian. He was a regular volunteer at the Central West Virginia Genealogical and Historical Library (HCPD Library); he was a tour guide for some of the tours held during the annual HCPD Gathering.

He compiled Marriage Bonds and Marriage Records (1816-1865) Lewis County, (West) Virginia, one of HCPD's best selling publications. His work in mapping the early surveys of the Hacker's Creek watershed resulted in a book of maps of early pioneers and places on Hacker's Creek entitled A Map Book of Historical Sites and Places in the Hacker's Creek Watershed.

He assisted Joy Gilchrist with the research for They Started It All, a Guide to Historic Hacker's Creek Sites and A Pictorial History of Old Lewis County: The Crossroads of Central West Virginia. He helped

Charlotte Gerlach with research for the large mural at the Wilderness Plantation Inn. He was currently assisting Joy with research for a history of the families of Morrison Cemetery. He was also working with Jerry Jackson and Bill Hayes, both of California, in writing a script for a movie to be produced about the early Hacker's Creek families.

The three volumes of Yesteryears by Bill Adler were produced as a result of his collecting the columns. More volumes are expected to be published in the future using his collection.

Bob was vice-president of Palatines to America and responsible for their programming.

He shared his knowledge of the past with local schools and was especially proud of his lectures at West Virginia Wesleyan College.

He was a Methodist and exemplified Christian attributes in his daily life.

A graveside service was held at the Mitchell Cemetery, Roanoke, Friday, October 29, at 1 p.m., with Rev. Donald Pringle officiating, assisted by Rev. Richard Settles. A dinner for the family was served at the Jane Lew American Legion after the service by the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants.

Morris Funeral Home of Jane Lew was in charge of arrangements.

Cousin, friend, fellow-researcher, problem-solver, father-figure, and, if not my right arm, then certainly my left! How I miss him.

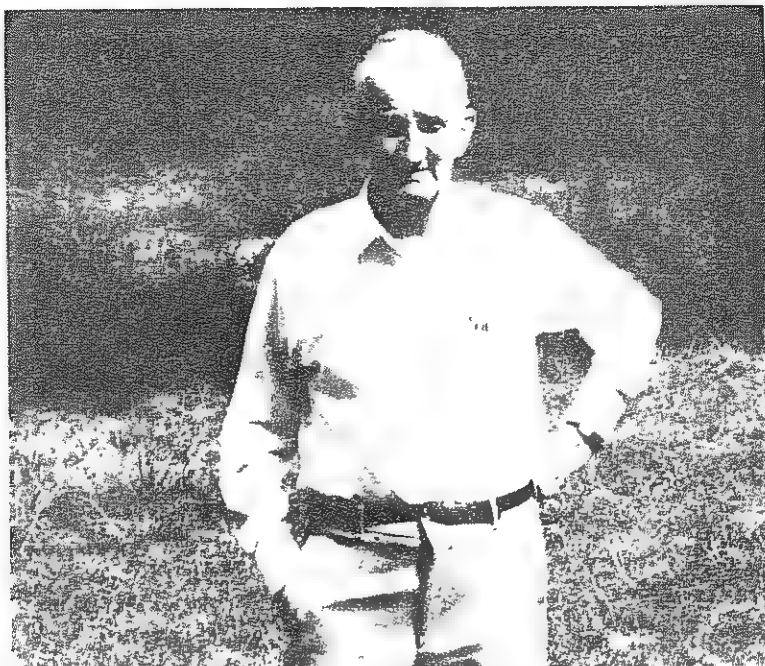
I owe a lot of what I know about Lewis County and the history of our early pioneers to Bob Smith. If there was a question about local history that I couldn't answer, I'd pick up the phone and say, "Tell me what you know about" He usually had the answer or could tell me where to look or who to call. He was never too busy to help.

Someone gave me the following poem when my mother passed away in 1975; I think that Bob would say the same thing:

When I must leave you for a little while,
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,
But start out bravely with a gallant smile,
And for my sake and in my name,
Live on and on all things the same,
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer,
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die for I am
waiting for you in the sky.

ROBERT B. SMITH

Photo taken by William B. Waggoner - August 1993



PETER HARDMAN FAMILY
by Joy Gilchrist

The story on the Peter Hardman family will be published in the next two issues of the Journal. It was compiled from information gleaned from numerous sources and now stored in the HCPD computers in Brother's Keeper. Special thanks go to Cris Waggoner for the data supplied from the story on the Waggoner family which appeared in Volume II, HCJ and to Nancy Ebensberger and Debbie Harley, two members who are descendants of the family. Nancy paid for research in West Virginia and Ohio on the Thomas Hardman-Rebecca Clark line and Debbie paid for research in West Virginia, Indiana, and Iowa on the Jacob Hardman-Ann Coon line.

In the case of the latter line, it is not definitely proven that Thomas Jefferson Hardman was a son of Jacob and Ann, but the preponderance of evidence points in that direction.

Readers will find the documents pertaining to Thomas' posting bond for John W. Davis in Davis' trial for the murder of Ebenezer Wilson most interesting. Why did Thomas post bond? What was his connection to Davis? Was Davis' mother a sister to Thomas' wife, or what she an unknown child and thus a sister to Thomas?

Any information that can be added to the Hardman files would be appreciated.

Peter Hardman b. 10-Mar-1745, Juliers, Germany,¹ Occupation: farmer, m. Charlotte Lezier/Lazier, b. ca 1748, Germany, Occupation: jg, d. 22-Nov-1835, Lewis Co, (W)V, bur. Harmony Cem, Lewis Co, WV. Peter died 13-May-1827, Lewis Co, (W)V, bur. Harmony Cem, Lewis Co, WV. According to the History of Clark County, Ohio, Peter Hardman sold himself in New York for \$35 to a New Jersey resident to pay for his passage. He worked five months to pay it off. ***** James Evan Wilson, a descendant of Peter's and Charlotte's son Jacob, says that Peter and Charlotte were bound out to pay their transportation to America. The mother paid hers first and then paid the father's. "After the debt was paid, they were married and unto them were born a son named Jacob." I think this is not the full story. ***** Paul Hardman's manuscript which is found in some genealogy notebooks submitted to WVU by Mrs. Eloise Bosson Hardman, (1919/1928), says of the Nicholas and migration of the family to America:

Nicholas Hartman, born in Germany about 1720, at a town named Juliana-on-the-Rhine, married Margaret, whose maiden name has not been ascertained, and while the larger part of their family migrated to America, they themselves continued to remain in the homeland.

A son, Peterman, together with some of his brothers and sisters and neighbors, took passage for America about the year 1764. The ship was so overcrowded, they resolved to disembark in an English town touched by their craft, and awaited the arrival of a more suitable ship on which to continue their journey to New York.

The passage money having been paid in full on the 1st ship, they found themselves short of funds to pay down the passage money on the 2nd. The result, Peterman - and perhaps the others - were "farmed out," meaning that they bound themselves to certain persons who put up the money and released them from the ship, over a period of 7 months of hard labor for their respective benefactors.

After this period of servitude had expired, Peterman and some of his brothers and sisters proceeded to what is now Moorefield, in Hardy Co, WV, settling at the Indian Oldfields, near the above town. After a period of sojourn, Peterman began to cast about for a permanent and suitable habitation.

He selected a tract of land on Patterson's Creek, Mike's Branch, now located in Mineral County, then a part of Hardy County. Here he evidently made a tomahawk entry, and proceeded to seek of the Fairfax agents, a grant for 216 acres of beautiful, fertile land, surrounded by a rim of mountains, entry to which was by one single narrow gorge, so narrow it would scarcely permit the necessary trail.

Here Peterman, who had married a young lady by the name of Charlotte Lazier, sought seclusion from Indian attack and the enjoyment of the products of his energy and thrift applied to the rich soil of this cove in the midst of this mountain fastness. He built a log cabin near a bubbling spring, and began clearing the place and improving it.

The Revolution came on, and with it the most daring Indian outrages. Peterman could not feel safe even in this hideaway. He found two tenants who were willing to take chances, and it is said he retired to Cumberland, Maryland, with his family. The persons to whom he leased his possessions were Joseph Hanks and George Terry. Hanks took up his residence in the home of Peterman, while Terry constructed a cabin and took possession of the other end of the tract.

In 1781, Lord Fairfax made Peterman Hartman a grant of the land. Both Hanks and Terry had received title bonds at the time of their taking possession. After six years, Hartman returned. Hanks had gone to faraway Kentucky, and had given a deed of trust to Peter Putman to acquire money to make the trip.

Peter Hartman and Peter Putman then got their heads together and sold the property to Jacob Doll and Jacob Furgate, and from the purchase money Peter Putman was paid the sum due from the mortgage. The Doll family have an unbroken title to the property down to this day. The point to this story is that Joe Hanks of the story, has been ascribed to being the father of Nancy Hanks, the mother of the immortal Lincoln. ***** Paul Hardman received his information from Samuel J. Hardman of Lewis County and his cousin, William Edward Hardman, of Delroy, Ohio. Charlotte: Charlotte was 87 when she died.

1. John Hardman b. 7-Oct-1770, Big Youghigany, PA, Occupation: minister/farmer/gunsmith, m. (1) 25-Nov-1791, Elizabeth Jane Lockhart, m. (2) 10-Nov-1798, in Harrison Co, (W)V, Elizabeth "Betty" Waggoner, b. 5-Nov-1779, (daughter of John Waggoner and Margaret Honnell) d. 1-Feb-1854, prob. Lewis Co, WV. John died 9-May-1864, Lewis Co, WV, bur. Mt. Gilead Church Cem, Georgetown. See HCJ II, 2, p 55. He may have been b in 1777.

According to Sam Hardman, Rev. John did not take up regular itinerant work as a preacher until somewhat late in life. His children were all grown, he thought, before he took regular work in the Methodist Episcopal Church. When the Methodist Protestant Church split away from the M.E., he became Protestant. *****

Shortly of John Hardman and Betty Waggoner were married, they moved to Little Skin Creek where they settled near the mouth of Curtis Run about a mile above the junction of the creeks. ***** Will Bank II, p 164 - Lewis County:

John Hardman's Last Will - Whereas from the cruse of nature and the effects of disease I cannot reasonably calculate on living much longer and having a desire to so dispose of what earthly goods I may have so as to be satisfactory to myself therefore I John Hardman senior of the County of Lewis and state of West Virginia do proceed by this my last will and testament to make the following disposition of all that I may possess to wit: Item 1st I give and bequeath to my beloved granddaughter Martha A. Morrison (sic) (should be Morris) my bead (sic) and my house property that I may have at my death and also my trunk or chest. Item 2nd I will to my son John G. Hardman Saddle Bridle and saddle pockets and all my wearing apparel (sic) my pocketbook and all the money that may be found in it after the payments of my debts and funeral expences (sic), 3rd I give and bequath my Bible to my beloved son Samuel B Hardman now living in the state of Illinois (sic). I hereby appoint and constitute John McCoy of the county of Lewis and state of West Va (sic) and township of Lincoln as my executor to carry the above will into effect and in evidence of the above being my last will and testament I hereunto sign my name and acknowledgement in the presence of the following witnesses on the day and date above written.

John Hardman Teste David Hall William S. Ramsey West Virginia Records

Office Nov 13th 1865

The last will and Testament of John Hardman deed was this day presented to me in my office and duly proven by the oaths of David Hall and William S. Ramsey subscribing witnesses thereto. And the said writing was admiited to probate. A copy teste J Woofler Recorder Elizabeth: Elizabeth was captured by the Indians in a raid which say her sister Mary and brother Peter captured and her mother and four other siblings massacred. The year was 1792.

A. Unnamed Hardman

B. Jacob Wolf Hardman b. 1801, Little Skin Crk, Lewis Co, (W)V, Occupation: silversmith, m. 4-Feb-1829, in Washington Co, [W],² Marion Rodman, b. 1806, d. 1874. Jacob died 1874, Louisville, KY. Jacob was born on the family farm near the mouth of Curtis Run on Little Skin Creek. Joshua, his brother, told Sam Hardman that Jacob established himself in business as a silversmith in Louisville, Kentucky. He was a natural born genius and was fastidious in dress.

1. Sarah Hardman Named as a child of Jacob and Marion/Marian by McWhorter.
2. Laura M. Hardman Named as a child of Jacob and Marion/Marian by McWhorter.
3. Mariab Hardman Named as a child of Jacob and Marion/Marian by McWhorter.
4. Josephine Hardman m. Hiram Maybury.

C. Henry D. Hardman b. 19-Feb-1803, Lewis Co, (W)V,¹ m. 30-Mar-1826, in Lewis Co, (W)V, Mary West, b. 26-Dec-1807, Lewis Co, (W)V,¹ (daughter of Charles West and May McLaughlin) d. 22-May-1871, Lewis Co, WV, bur. Vandalia Cem, Lewis Co, WV. Henry died 24-Dec-1886, Lewis Co, WV, bur. Vandalia Cem, Lewis Co, WV. Henry was one of the founders of the Methodist Episcopal Class that later became the Julia's Chapel M.E. Church and still later the Horner United Methodist Church. The class book for this class is in the HCPD Library.

Various pieces of information came from Hardesty's History of Lewis County, Elmer West's Descendants of Anthony West, as well as various court records.

Henry was the first teacher in the Skin Creek District of Lewis County; he taught in a log cabin near the mouth of Little Skin Creek.

Henry lived on the headwaters of Big Skin Creek.

1. Matilda J. Hardman b. ca 1828, m. 4-Jan-1854, in Lewis Co, (W)V, Martin Hyre, b. ca 1831, d. bef 1870. Matilda died 30-Nov-1883, Lewis Co, WV, bur. Vandalia Cem, Lewis Co, WV. Matilda's tombstone says she died 31 Mar 1887, but the death record in Lewis County gives the date as 30 Nov 1883. Martin died not long after the birth of Charles. After Martin's death, Matilda returned to her parents' home where she passed the

Hardman and some of his recollections are noted throughout the Paul Hardman/Sam Hardman manuscript. Susan: Susan was from Shenandoah Co, VA, according to Sam Hardman.

1. Elizabeth Hardman b. ca 1836, d. 18-Nov-1856, Lewis Co, (W)V.¹⁴
2. John Columbus Hardman b. 1-Dec-1835, Lewis Co, (W)V, m. (1) 18-Feb-1857, in Lewis Co, (W)V, Dufina Spaur, b. 30-Oct-1837, [daughter of Anthony R. Spaur and Sarah Bonnett] d. 10-Nov-1873, Lewis Co, WV,¹⁵ bur. Vandalia Cem, Lewis Co, WV, m. (2) Nancy _____. John died 22-Oct-1893, Skin Crk, Lewis Co, WV,¹⁶ bur. Vandalia Cem, Lewis Co, WV. John C. died at the age of 57y, 4m, 14d, from diphtheria. There's something seriously wrong here - I don't think there was a divorce, but are "Nancy" and Dufina the same person?? John and Dufina had at least 11 children - I am missing one or two names.
3. Mary Hardman b. 26-Jan-1838, Lewis Co, (W)V,¹⁶ d. 5-Aug-1927, Vandalia, Lewis Co, WV. In 1900 Mary was living with brother-in-law, W. L. Stalnaker
4. Anna Hardman b. 1841, prob. Lewis Co, WV, m. 8-Jun-1865, in Lewis Co, WV, Edward Harrison Ballard. Anna died 6-Sep-1880, Lewis Co, WV,¹⁷ Anna and Ed were married by George L. Marsh
5. Samuel Hardman b. 1842, prob. Lewis Co, WV. According to Sam W. Hardman's manuscript as told by Paul Hardman: Sam Hardman, son of Joshua, much against his father's will, enlisted as a soldier in the Federal Army in the Civil War. He was brevetted a Lieutenant. He returned home after the close of the war, but failing to be received into the family with the warmth he felt he was entitled to, he decided to abandon the parental roof altogether. So he sniffed the breeze coming from the west and it was soothing to his nostrils. He disclosed his pain to David, a younger brother, who readily agreed with his brother, Sam, that it was just the thing to do. They both solemnly vowed they would never return and they never did. This was one time when the lack of a father's forgiveness and love lost him two fine strapping sons. David settled in Moberly, Indiana; Sam, in Louisville, Kentucky.
6. Rebecca Hardman b. 1844, prob. Lewis Co, WV.
7. David Hardman b. 1846, prob. Lewis Co, WV. David and Sam left the paternal home because of ill feelings over the Civil War. See Sam's family.
8. Melvenia Hardman b. ca 1847, d. 3-Apr-1855, Lewis Co, (W)V.¹⁸
9. Marcella Hardman b. ??-Aug-1851, prob Lewis Co, (W)V, m. 15-Feb-1875, in Lewis Co, WV, George H. Will, b. ??-Jul-1839, d. 1921, bur. Horner U.M. Church Cem, Lewis Co. Marcella died 1941, bur. Horner U.M. Church Cem, Lewis Co.
10. Joshua Hardman b. 6-Mar-1854, Big Skin Crk, Lewis Co, (W)V.
11. Valentine E. Hardman b. 24-Apr-1856, Lewis Co, (W)V.¹⁹
12. Ida Hardman b. 20-Jan-1858, Lewis Co, (W)V.¹⁹
13. Imogene H. Hardman b. 4-Feb-1860, Lewis Co, (W)V,¹⁹ m. 4-Apr-1888, in Lewis Co, WV, Wmter Lloyd Stalnaker, b. 5-Jul-1852, (son of Bailey Stalnaker and Mary Peterson) d. 31-May-1939, bur. Mt. Gilead Church Cem, Georgetown. Imogene died 4-Oct-1939, Lewis Co, WV, bur. Mt. Gilead Church Cem, Georgetown. Wmter: Wmter and Imogene had had five children by 1900 but only four were living when the census was taken.
14. Elizabeth Hardman b. 24-Jun-1813, Lewis Co, (W)V,²⁰ m. 10 Oct-1833, in Lewis Co, (W)V, Jacob W. Hudson, b. 6-Dec-1811, Shenandoah, VA, d. 9 Dec-1901, bur. Mt. Gilead Church Cem, Georgetown. Elizabeth died 4-Sep-1855, Lewis Co, (W)V,⁵ bur. Mt. Gilead Church Cem, Georgetown. Jacob: Jacob W. Hudson was the stepson of David

Wetzel, Sr. He was a sheriff of Lewis County before the Civil War and a Unionist during the War. He lived on Hudson Fork, a small tributary of Little Skin Creek. He owned and was living on this farm during the War.

1. Parthenia Hudson b. ca 1835, m. 17-Dec-1855, in Lewis Co, (W)V, Charles Frank McCue.
 2. Almira Hudson b. ??-Oct-1842, Lewis Co, (W)V, m. 5-Nov-1867, in Lewis Co, (W)V, Andrew Lunsford, b. ??-May-1847, VA. Andrew: Andrew and Almira had seven children but only four were living in 1900 when the census was taken.
 3. Matilda F. Hudson b. ca 1845, m. 1-Aug-1865, in Lewis Co, WV, Ellis Lee Smith, b. ca 1844, VA, (son of Martin J. Smith and Margaret _ _).
 4. Perry C. Hudson b. ca 1837.
 5. Marion Hudson b. 14-Apr-1842,²¹ d. 27-Nov-1848, Mt. Gilead Church Cem, Georgetown.
 6. George Washington Hudson b. 22-Oct-1848, Lewis Co, (W)V, Occupation: minister.
 7. William Worthington Hudson b. 22-Oct-1848, Lewis Co, (W)V, Occupation: minister, d. 25-Oct-1872, bur. Mt. Gilead Church Cem, Georgetown. William was 24y and 3 days when he died.
- J. John G. Hardman b. 2-May-1817, prob. Lewis Co, WV, Occupation: gunsmith, m. 23-Dec-1838, in Lewis Co, (W)V, Malinda Forinash, b. 5-Mar-1822, (daughter of Jacob Forinash and Katherine Critos) d. 8-Apr-1884, Braxton Co, WV, bur. Green Hill Cem, Braxton Co. John died 10-Nov-1897, Braxton Co, WV, bur. Green Hill Cem, Braxton Co. John G. first lived on Big Skin Creek; but, a few years prior to the Civil War, he moved to Falls Mills, Braxton County. Sam Hardman said John's children were: Jacob, Henry, Martha, Elizabeth, Harrelia, Matilda, Perry, Sam, Katherine, and Ella. Kate and Ella were the last ones married. William Morrison and his brother Monroe married two of the older daughters. Monroe was a blacksmith in early life but later operated a store at Crawford. His daughter Blanche married Dr. Potts, who located there and died before long. Dr. Potts and Blanche had a daughter who married Philip Post, s/o George Post. Malinda: According to Sam Hardman, Malinda died from tuberculosis.
1. Jacob Niflin Hardman b. 12-Jul-1840, m. 2-Aug-1862, Virginia E. Simmons, b. 27-May-1835, d. 77-Jan-1910. According to Sam W. Hardman, nearly all of Jacob's family died from T.B.
 2. William H. Hardman b. 1842, d. Point Lookout, Maryland. According to Hardesty's History of Braxton County, William served in the Confederate army, first as a member in Imboden's command, afterwards in the 31st Virginia Infantry, under "Stonewall" Jackson. He was made prisoner and died in Federal prison at Point Lookout, Maryland.
 3. Martha A. Hardman b. 1844, m. 24-Dec-1863, in Lewis Co, WV, James E. Morris. Martha died 5-Feb-1881, Lewis Co, WV.
 4. Mary E. Hardman b. 1846.
 5. Cintha J. Hardman b. 1847.
 6. Perry Worthington Hardman b. 27-Jun-1850, Lewis Co, (W)V, m. 16-Mar-1870, in Kanawha Co, WV, Mary Melissa Berry, b. 16-Nov-1853, Upshur Co, (W)V, (daughter of William D. Berry and Hannah Laverna McCray) In 1885 Perry's mailing address was Bulltown. The family lived in Kanawha District, Braxton County.
 7. Margaret W. Hardman b. 26-May-1855, Little Skin Crk, Lewis Co, (W)V,¹⁹ m. 6-Mar-1873, in Lewis Co, WV,²² R. Morrison.

8. _____ Hardman b. 28-Jul-1866, Braxton Co, WV.²³

9. Samuel W. Hardman m. (1) 14-Sep-1871, in Lewis Co, WV,²² Mary Cummins, (daughter of William Cummins and Evaline _____) m. (2) Alice C. Probst, b. ca 1862, nr Weston, Lewis Co, (W)V, d. ??-Nov-1935, Huntington, Cabell Co, WV, bur. Elkview Cem, Clarksburg, Harrison Co, WV. According Sam Hardman/Paul Hardman ms, Sam was for some years a silversmith and jeweler in Weston and later established himself in Clarksburg as an eye and ear specialist. Sam had a son Sam who became a medical doctor, now dead. A daughter married a man who is at present a member of the State Board of Control. They live at Huntington where Mrs. Samuel W. Hardman died not long ago. Dr. Samuel Sr. died many years ago. His first wife was Mary Cummins; they were divorced. He had two daughters by this first marriage. He taught them the jeweler's trade and they became very proficient. He had his second wife to learn the trade also. One of the daughters by his first wife married a man in Pittsburg, and the other made her home with the married sister. Alice: Alice died at the home of her son, Dr. J. Carney Hardman. Her obituary was in the Weston Independent 13 Nov 1935. She was survived by one daughter, two sons; also, one sister, Mrs. Charles Snodgrass, Jane Low; three brothers, Lee Probst, Clarksburg, William and Dee Probst both of Weston. Alice's obit referred to her as "doctor."

K. Peter Jamison Hardman b. 1819, m. Hannah C. Finley, b. ca 1826, Virginia. Peter died 1891. Peter was living in Champaign Co, OH, in 1850; he later went to Warsaw, IN, according to Sam Hardman. He was still living in 1891. Salathiel Hardman exchanged letters with him as late as 1886. Besides Joseph and Mary, Peter had children whose names Joshua could not recall. (Joshua gave the info to Sam Hardman.) One of Peter's daughters was a school teacher.

1. Joseph Hardman

2. Mary Hardman

L. Daniel Hardman b. 1822, d. died young, bur. Mt. Gilead Church Cem, Georgetown. Died of diphtheria the same day as his brother David.

M. David Hardman b. 1826, d. died young, bur. Mt. Gilead Church Cem, Georgetown. Died of diphtheria the same day as his brother Daniel.

II. Elizabeth Hardman b. 8-Oct-1774, m. 7-Apr-1792, in Harrison Co, (W)V,²⁴ Caleb Smith, (son of David Smith and Lydia Ball) d. 13 Aug 1851, Warren Co, OH,²⁵ Elizabeth died 6-Jan-1861, Warren Co, OH. Caleb:

Caleb and Elizabeth were married on the day that Tecumseh and his band of Indians attack the Hardman neighbors, John Waggoner and his family. Elizabeth's sister, Catherine, later married Peter Waggoner who was captured by the Indians that eventful day.

According to information provided by Cris Wagoner (HCJ-2, p 46), Caleb and Elizabeth moved to Warren County, Ohio, about 1807 along with Francis and Elizabeth (Fletcher) Liggett and John Sleeth III. It was customary for families to migrate west in family groups or with neighbors. Such was the case in this migration.

John Sleeth was a nephew of Elizabeth (Fletcher) Liggett; Elizabeth's sister Ann/Nancy Fletcher's first husband was John Sleeth, Jr., the son of John Alexander and Mary Ann (Wallace) Sleeth.

While there is no known direct connection between Caleb and Elizabeth and the Sleeths and Liggetts, Caleb's brothers, Alexander and David, and sister Susannah had each married first cousins of John Sleeth. In addition, the Liggetts owned land adjacent to the Hardman family on Jesse's Run.

Notes kept by Sam Hardman and quoted in the Paul Hardman manuscript "Nicholas Hardman of Germany Represented in America by Peterman and Others" say that Caleb made splithottom chairs and lived for years on the dividing ridge between the headwaters of Big Skin Creek and Hughes Fork of Big Skin Creek. Sam claimed that his father (Salathiel) learned to cane chairs from Caleb; or, was it Joshua who said that in his interview meaning that Rev. John Hardman (Joshua's father) learned to cane chairs from Caleb. There was a Caleb Smith (age 34) who lived in Lewis County in

1850. Was it this Caleb??

- III. Peter Hardman b. 23-Jul-1776, Harrison Co, (W)V, Occupation: farmer, m. (1) 5-Dec-1798, in Harrison Co, (W)V,¹⁶ Margaret Hacker, b. 27-Dec-1776, Bush's Fort, now Buckhannon, WV,¹⁷ (daughter of John Hacker and Margaret Sleeth) d. 20-Jul-1815, Greene Co, OH, bur. Nitman Cemetery, Greene Co, OH, m. (2) 26-Oct-1815, in Greene Co, OH, Sarah Adams, b. 18-Aug-1786, nr Greenville, TN, d. 25-Aug-1875, Greene Co, OH, bur. Nitman Cemetery, Greene Co, OH. Peter died 30-Jul-1859, Greene Co, OH, bur. Nitman Cem, Greene Co, OH.

Peter grew up on Jesse's Run. Apprenticed as a blacksmith in his early years, he developed a love of iron and steel; he later became a gunsmith. In 1804, he "became a subject of divine grace. . . with so much zeal that in the course of another year he was licensed as a local Methodist minister." he was a great preacher and exhorter and "whenever in private dwelling or in school house, he could get an audience on the Sabbath or week-day evenings, there he delighted in preaching the Gospel of Christ."

In 1803 Ohio became a state and in 1807 Bath Township was formed in Greene County near Kenton's Trail, Bullskin Trace, the Scioto Trail and the Winchester Trace. There is some confusion as to the exact year that Peter chose to explore the newly opened lands in Ohio and make a settlement there. One source gives the date as 1803 while another says that it was two years prior to 1808 when he brought his family to Bath Township.

The government was selling lands for \$1.25 an acre and it was required that the buyer make some type of improvement to legalize his claim. Peter purchased acreage on the east side of what is known as Tatum's Plain. To "prove" his claim, he borrowed an ax, cut down a small tree, split it into rails, and stood them over a stump. This was sufficient improvement to protect his property.

Peter returned to Hacker's Creek for two years to ply his trade and to save enough money to take his family to their new home.

In 1808 Peter packed a large covered wagon which was drawn by four horses and, with Margaret and their young family of 7/8 children, set out for Ohio. According to a descendant of Peter's and Margaret's eighth child Eliza, she was born in Greene County on 21 Feb 1808. If this was the case, the family made the trip in some of the coldest months of the year.

The family arrived in Greene County with only \$1.25 left after paying expenses. Peter worked hard and soon had the family on an even keel. He erected the family cabin on the east side of the present city of Fairborn on what is now the site of the Universal Atlas Cement Company. Margaret: Margaret was scalped by the Indians in December 1787 in the same raid in which her sister, Mary Ann Hacker West, Edmond West Sr., and Billy West were killed. Martha Hughes was captured. Leonard Schoolcraft, a white renegade from the area, was responsible.

- A. Sarah Hardman b. 16-Sep-1798, VA, m. 17-Apr-1817, in Beaver Crk, Greene Co, OH, David Ellsworth, b. 30-May-1795, VA, (son of John Ellsworth, Jr. and Susanna Bumgarner) d. 21-Jan-1881, Hebron, Thayer Co, NE, bur. Old cemetery nr Hebron. Sarah died 1833, Beaver Crk, Greene Co, OH. David: Some of the information on the Ellsworth-Hardman family was supplied by Robert D. Smith. ***** David Ellsworth and his family were pioneers in Adams Township, Madison Co, IN, as were his brothers-in-law and their families, Henry and Mary (Searl) Hardman and Catherine (Sarah's twin) and Manly Richards.

1. Elizabeth Ellsworth b. 1818, Clark Co, OH, m. _____ Crawl. Elizabeth died IA.

2. Malinda Ellsworth b. 1820, Clark Co, OH, m. _____ Allman. Malinda died Eldon, IA.

3. Peter Henry Ellsworth b. 16-Jul-1821, Montgomery Co, OH, m. 5-Mar-1840, Mary Ann Munn, b. 28-Nov-1821, Montgomery Co, OH, (daughter of James Munn and Elizabeth _____) d. 15-Oct-1898, Sacramento, CA, bur. Sacramento Cem, Sacramento, CA. Peter died 23-Jun-1894, Sacramento, CA, bur. Sacramento Cem, Sacramento, CA.

4. "Girl" Ellsworth b. 1825, Madison Co, IN.

5. "Girl" Ellsworth b. 1827, Madison Co, IN.

6. "Girl" Ellsworth b. 1829, Madison Co, IN.

- B. Catherine Hardman b. 16-Sep-1798, Harrison Co, (W)V, m. 20-Dec-1821, in Greene Co, OH, Manley Richards, b. ca 1803, Virginia. Catherine died 1869, nr Pendleton, Madison Co, IN. From History of Madison County: "Personal Sketch of Catharine Richards" - Mrs. R. was daughter of Peter and Margaret Hardman; was born September the 16th, 1798, in Harrison county, Virginia. She was united to Manly Richards in marriage in 1818. (This is incorrect - it was 1821) In 1823 they emigrated to Madison county, where she continued to live until her death which occurred in 1869. She was a consistent member of the Methodist church and one of the first members of the Pendleton class. She was a woman of strong faith and untiring zeal, faithful mother and dutiful wife. Her memory will live, the youth will speak in her praise, when she shall have been dead many years. Especially will she be remembered by the church of which she was an active member. She did not let trifling circumstances prevent her from attending Divine worship. She was always found in her seat, until within the last few months of her life, which proved to her that of deep affliction and suffering, falling and breaking a lim from which she never fully recovered. This occurred in July, 1866. During this long interval she was never heard to complain, nor murmur, but seemed to be resigned to her fate. Death came kindly to her relief and her happy spirit took its flight to an unknown world. The life of this woman shall be imitated, her virtues practiced, if we would like her share the Crown which was doubtless hers." Manley: Living in Fall Creek Twp, Madison Co, IN, in 1850.

1. Joseph Richards b. ca 1833, Indiana. Listed in father's household in 1850.
2. Mary Jane Richards h. ca 1835, Indiana. In father's household in Fall Crk Twp, Madison Co, IN in 1850.

- C. John Hardman b. 20-Jan-1800, Harrison Co, (W)V, m. 12-May-1836, in Shelby Co, IN,²⁰ Amelia Sleeth, b. 22-Feb-1802,²⁰ John died 3-May-1848, Shelby Co, IN.²⁰

1. James Wesley Hardman b. 18-Feb-1837, Shelby Co, IN.²⁰
2. Asa Sleeth Hardman b. 23-Jan-1839, Shelby Co, IN,²⁰ m. (1) Louisa Sheads, m. (2) 7-Jun-1867, in Baltimore, MD,²¹ Mary Elizabeth Hopewell Watts, b. 1843, St. Mary's Co, MD, (daughter of Joshua Watts and Mary Lavinia Martin) d. 9-Sep-1883, Lady Lake, Fl, bur. Lone Oak Cem, Leesburg, FL, m. (3) Samantha Jane Ryan. Asa died 19-Feb-1920, Leesburg, FL,²⁹ bur. Lone Oak Cem, Leesburg, FL. Asa served in the Civil War.
3. Margaret B. Hardman b. 17-Sep-1841, Shelby Co, IN.²⁰
4. William S. Hardman b. 16-Sep-1843, Shelby Co, IN.²⁰
5. Christenia Melvernia Hardman b. 6-Sep-1851.²⁴

- D. Henry Hardman b. 10-Mar-1801, Harrison Co, (W)V, m. (1) 27-Nov-1821, in Greene Co, OH, Mary Searl, b. 8-Feb-1803, Steuben Co, NY, (daughter of Timothy Searl and Sarah Miller) d. 15-Sep-1872, Cedar Co, IA, m. (2) 23-Sep-1873, in Cedar Co, IA, Mary Edwards, d. 1898. Henry died 14-Nov-1879, Cedar Co, IA. Much of the information on this family line came from Mary Alice Egan and Eleanor Womer. Biography in Cedar Co, IA, history. Henry was a Methodist Episcopal minister and a gunsmith.

Notes from Joy: Henry was but a lad when his parents moved to Greene County, Ohio. He married Mary in 1821. Henry and Mary must have moved to Clark County, Oh, because on 5 Jun 1833 when Henry purchased three tracts of land (two of 40 acres and one of 80 acres) in Section 23, Madison County, Indiana, he gave his residence as "Clark County, Ohio." He may also have owned a lot in "Andersonstown" which became the county seat.

Others in the county who were connected to Henry by relationship or as a neighbor of the family back in what is now West Virginia were: Jacob E. Harpold (kin to Daniel Harpold who had land on Hacker's Creek), Edmund West (relationship to "our" Wests not sure), Jacob Shaul, Jeremiah Knoss (some relationship to wife of Jacob Hardman who was Henry's uncle, Jacob Hardman (Henry's uncle) and his family, Elijah Ward, Saul Reger (neighbor from Jesse's Run), David Ellsworth, William Ellsworth, and Isaac Ellsworth.

For a reason unknown to this writer, Henry decided to go further west and according to family tradition arrived in Cedar County, IA, ca 1836. This is supported by the fact that he sold a lot "in Andersontown" to Willis G. Atherton of the same county for \$30 on 18 Jul 1835, as recorded in Deed Book 2, page 388, Madison County. Henry and Mary both appeared in court on 20 August 1835 to swear to the sale. Then in a deed dated 21 May 1839 and recorded 30 Apr 1840 "Henry Hardman and wife Mary of Cedar County, Territory of Iowa" sold to John Stephenson of Madison County, Indiana, the two 40 acre tracts and the 80 acre tract.

1. Cordis Hardman b. 29-Apr-1825, Clark Co, OH, m. 10-Apr-1845, in Cedar Co, IA, Sarah Ann Wise, b. 10-Mar-1827, Union Co, PA, d. 6-Jul-1909, Hallard, IA. Cordis died 25-Jan-1876, Cedar Co, IA.
 2. Cain Hardman b. 22-Nov-1826, Clark Co, OH, m. 11-Nov-1858, Mary Ann Dale/Dole. Cain died 1890, Oketo, KS.
 3. Sarah Hardman b. 22-Oct-1832, Clark Co, OH, m. 16-May-1850, William Crippen.
 4. Silas Hardman b. 27-Mar-1839, Cedar Co, IA, m. Amanda Fulwider.
 5. Samantha Hardman b. 31-Mar-1844, Cedar Co, IA, m. 1866, _____ Graham. Samantha died 27-Mar-1888.
 6. Cynthia Hardman b. 17-May-1823, Clark Co, OH, d. 24-Apr-1867.
- E. Jonathan Hardman b. 25-Jan-1803, Clarksburg, Harrison Co, (W)V, m. 16-Dec-1824, in Clark Co, OH, Mary Arbogast, b. Clark Co, OH, (daughter of Peter Arbogast and Sarah _____). Jonathan died 31-Jul-1876, London, Madison Co, OH. Information on this family is from Robert B. Smith and Jim Strong. Jonathan Hardman was an W.E. minister.
1. Sarah Hardman d. 1863.
 2. Peter Hardman m. Lucia Lauman, b. Chillicothe, OH. Peter was a Civil War Soldier; he died after being brought home from Harper's Ferry, (W)V.
 3. Otho Hardman b. 16-Sep-1829, m. Eliza Weaver, b. 27-Jun-1837, Madison Co, OH, (daughter of John Weaver and Elizabeth Moss) d. 17-Jan-1902, Clark Co, OH. Otho and Eliza had three children according to one source but another says five. Information from "Early Clark Co, OH, Families". Submitted by Frances J. Shuman, 1650 Croft Rd., Springfield, OH 45503
 4. William H. Hardman b. 28-Feb-1831, Clark Co, OH, m. 29-Oct-1856, Margaret Ellen Bireley, b. 11-Mar-1838, Maryland. William died 27-Feb-1913, Clark Co, OH. William was in the 167th Regt, O.V.I., during the Civil War. William and Margaret celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary 29 Oct 1906.
 5. Henderson Hardman d. at age 22. Died when he was 22 yrs old.
 6. Mary Hardman Died at 22 yrs of age.
 7. Charlotte Ann Hardman Died at three weeks of age.
 8. Martha Hardman m. John Sayers, b. Logan Co, OH. John and Martha had two children; they moved to Iowa. John Sayers was from Logan Co, OH.
 9. Wesley Hardman m. Minnie Walk, d. 1904, Columbus, Franklin Co, OH. Wesley was a resident of Cable, Champaign Co, OH, and operated several grain elevators. Wesley and Minnie had no children.
- F. Jacob W. Hardman b. 29-Apr-1804, Harrison Co, (W)V, Occupation: physician, m. 26-Apr-1832, Sarah Woodward, b. 20-Dec-1806, nr Williamsport, PA, (daughter of Samuel Woodward and Sarah Carson) d. 20-May-1870, South Bend, IN. Jacob died 21-Jul-1886, South Bend, St. Joseph Co, IN. According to Nancy B. Wall of Pleasant Hill, CA, Dr. Jacob Hardman is written about in the HISTORY OF ST. JOSEPH CO, IN; it states that Jacob and Sarah had four sons

and three daughters, four died young and one died in the war in the South. Jacob and Sarah were Methodists. He lived in Lewis County, Now WV, Ohio, and South Bend, IN)

1. Francis Hardman b. ca 1838.¹¹
 2. Julia Margaret Hardman b. ca 1842,¹¹ d. 1908, South Bend, St. Joseph Co, IN.¹²
 3. Mary O. Hardman b. ca 1848,¹¹ m. James Banning, b. 1843, d. 1910. Mary died 1879.
- G. Elizabeth Hardman b. 14-Mar-1806, VA, m. 13-Mar-1828, in Greene Co, OH, John Babcock. Elizabeth died 28-Dec-1878, Wilton, IA.
- H. Eliza Hardman b. 21-Feb-1808, Greene Co, OH, m. (1) 21-Dec-1826, in Greene Co, OH, James Naxon, b. 12-Dec-1804, d. 26-Mar-1837, Greene Co, OH, bur. Wilman Cem, Greene Co, OH, m. (2) 3-Jan-1839, in Greene Co, OH, Phineas Davis. Eliza died 16-Aug-1849, bur. Wilman Cem, Greene Co, OH. Information from Frank and Jolene Bracken
1. Margaret Naxon b. 29-Oct-1831, Greene Co, OH.
 2. John B. Naxon b. 29-Dec-1833.
 3. Maria Jane Davis b. 16-Oct-1836/39, Mechanicsburg, Champaign Co, OH, m. 11-Mar-1860, in Greene Co, OH, Stephen Holland Helmer, b. 10-Jan-1834, Greene Co, OH, d. 9-Apr-1893, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co, OH, bur. Riverside Cem, Cleveland, OH. Maria died 4-Jun-1920, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co, OH, bur. Brooklyn Hgts Cem, Cleveland. Info from Greene Co Court records and relatives.
- I. Margaret Hardman b. 10-Nov-1810, Greene Co, OH, m. 10-Dec-1831, in Greene Co, OH, Obediah Edge, b. 23-Nov-1809, Greene Co, OH, (son of William Baron Edge and Dorcas Miller) d. 6-Apr-1891, Champaign Co, OH, bur. Maple Grove Cem, Mechanicsburg, OH. Margaret died 27-Jul-1847, Goshen Twp, Champaign Co, OH, bur. Maple Grove Cem, Mechanicsburg, OH. Information from Nancy B. Wall.
1. William H. Edge b. ca 1832,¹³ m. 3-Apr-1860, in Miami Co, OH, Sarah Frank. William died 14-Nov-1866, Miami Co, OH, bur. McKinley Cem, Miami Co, OH.¹⁴
 2. Robert C. Edge b. ca 1836,¹⁵ m. 17-Jan-1861, in Champaign Co, OH,¹⁶ Augusta Williams.
 3. Martha M. Edge b. ca 1838,¹⁷ m. 1-May-1862, in Champaign Co, OH,¹⁸ Edwin Humphreys.
- J. Nelson Hardman b. 3-Jan-1813, Greene Co, OH, m. 1836, H. Lettita Jane Hempleman, b. 4-Jul-1820, Adams Co, OH, (daughter of Jacob Hempleman and Hannah McCarty) d. 17-Nov-1896, Clark Co, OH, bur. Enon Cem, Mad River Twp, Clark Co, OH,¹⁹ Nelson died aft 1880, Clark Co, OH, bur. Enon Cem, Mad River Twp, Clark Co, OH. Info from Nancy B. Wall, 7255 W. Cox Rd., Pleasant Hill, OH dated 1981 According to cemetery record, Nelson was in the 17th OH Battery in the Civil War. H.: Information on Letty from "Early Clark Co, OH, Families." Data was submitted by Kathryn E. Miller, 3311 Decatur Pike, Winchester, OH45397.
1. Jacob W. Hardman b. 29-Jul-1840, d. 17-Sep-1845, bur. Wilman Cem, Greene Co, OH.
 2. Sarah E. Hardman b. ca 1838.
 3. Charlotte Hardman b. ca 1844.
 4. Peter Nelson Hardman b. ca 1847.
- K. William R. Hardman b. Bath Twp, Greene Co, OH, m. Rebecca Miller, b. Pennsylvania, d. 30-Mar-1918, nr Yellow Springs, Greene Co, OH. William died 26-Dec-1907, nr Yellow Springs, Greene Co, OH. Information on William R.

Miller, b. 1-Aug-1838, Franklin Co, OH?, d. 30-Mar-1918, Yellow Springs, Greene Co, OH. William died 26-Dec-1906, Yellow Springs, Greene Co, OH.

1. Charles Looney Hardman b. 9-Sep-1858, m. 13-May-1886, Cassie Wendel, d. 27-Jul-1911, Dayton, Montgomery Co, OH. Charles died 18-Aug-1932, Dayton, OH,¹⁰ Cassie: She died in Dayton View nursing home.
2. Lee Adams Hardman b. 7-Jan-1860, d. 8-Mar-1868.
3. William Miller Hardman b. 22-Jun-1861, d. 22-Aug-1944, Yellow Springs, Greene Co, OH.¹⁰
4. Harriet Hardman b. 25-Oct-1863.

IV. Henry Hardman b. 1-May-1781, Maryland, Occupation: farmer, m. (1) 19-Sep-1808, in Harrison Co, (W)V,¹⁴ Elizabeth Hacker, b. 1784, Bush's Fort, now Burkhammon, WV, (daughter of John Hacker and Margaret Slenth) d. 1811, prob. Greene Co, OH, m. (2) 14-Apr-1815, in Harrison Co, (W)V,¹⁴ Juliana Rinehart, b. ca 1794, Monongalia (Preston) Co, WV,

Hardman is from HISTORY OF GREENE CO, OH by Broadstone. Rebecca: Rebecca came to Greene Co as a girl with her parents. Rebecca was a member of the first band of crusaders in Osborn in the early 70s and often told of a salon keeper pouring a ring of powder around the group of praying women, then setting it afire, hoping thus to grigten them away from his place of business.

1. Charles L. Hardman Living in Dayton when the Broadstone history of Greene Co was written.
 2. Lee A. Hardman d. at age 8, nr Yellow Springs, Greene Co, OH. Information from Broadstone's History of Greene Co
 3. William M. Hardman b. 22-Jun-1861, Bath Twp, Greene Co, OH, m. 12-Nov-1912, in Greene Co, OH, Bertha Currier, (daughter of Charles Currier and Fannie Parker) William developed a strain of corn known as "Hardman's Favorite" which was widely cultivated in Ohio. Bertha: Bertha was from Dayton, Ohio.
 4. Harriet Hardman b. Bath Twp, Greene Co, OH. Harriet was employed in the office of the Hooven-Allison Co at Xenia and lived in Yellow Springs when the Broadstone history of Greene Co was written.
 5. Delia Burr Hardman Delia was adopted by the Hardmans at the age of four. She care for her foster mother, Rebecca Miller, during the several years of her invalidism and then made her home with Harriet Hardman.
- L. Martha Hardman b. 3-Aug-1816, Greene Co, OH, m. (1) 30-Nov-1835, in Greene Co, OH, Owen Davis Mills, m. (2) Henry Holsten Looney.
- M. Stephen Hardman b. 20-Aug-1819, Greene Co, OH, m. 24-Mar-1842, in Greene Co, OH, Margaret Stewart.
- N. Delilah C. Hardman b. 20-Mar-1820, Greene Co, OH, d. 22-Apr-1844, Greene Co, OH, bur. Milman Cemetery, Greene Co, OH.
- O. Charlotte Hardman b. 13-Feb-1822, Greene Co, OH, m. 4-Nov-1845, in Greene Co, OH, George W. Looney. Charlotte died 1875. According to Charlotte's obit in the Hardman family Bible, she was 53y, 4m, and 24d old when she died. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.
- P. Peter Elliott Hardman b. 1-Apr-1821, Greene Co, OH, m. 30-Nov-1848, in Greene Co, OH, Maria Clayton, b. 1821, d. 1886, bur. Milman Cem, Greene Co, OH. Peter died 4-Apr-1902, Greene Co, OH, bur. Milman Cem, Greene Co, OH. Information from Nancy R. Wall; U.S. Census, cemetery, also Grace Miller of Fairborn, OH
1. George W. Hardman b. 6-Sep-1849, d. 8-Apr-1852, bur. Milman Cem, Greene Co, OH.
 2. Sallie C. Hardman b. 7-Jul-1850, d. 2-Dec-1915.

Brake, b. 22-May-1848, d. 8-Oct-1911, Haleville, Lewis Co, WV,¹ bur. Mt. Hebron Cem, nr Jane Lew. Perry died 23-Sep-1904, nr Jane Lew, Lewis Co, WV,¹ bur. Mt. Hebron Cem, nr Jane Lew. Perry was a veteran of the Civil War. He died after being kicked by a horse. Information from Minnie McWhorter, various census, marriage records, and obits for Perry and Laura. He served 3y 7m in Co D, 10th WV Vol Inf Laura: 1900 census gives birthdate as May 1848, but her tombstone says she was 63y 63m 16 d when she died 8 Oct 1911.

4. Henry Hardman b. ca 1844.

5. George W. Hardman b. ca 1846, m. 21-Sep-1873, in Lewis Co, WV,²² Matilda Louise Paugh.

6. Margaret Hardman b. 5-Mar-1848, m. Robert De Priest. Information on the De Priest family is from Minnie McWhorter who received it in 1929 from Celina (Smith) Depriest.

7. John L. Hardman b. 9-Jun-1850, Occupation: carpenter, m. Martha A. Paugh, b. 22-Jul-1846, d. 26-Feb-1922, Hacker's Creek, Lewis Co, WV,¹ bur. Mt. Hebron U.M. Church Cem, nr Jane Lew. John died 21-Nov-1926, Jane Lew, Lewis Co, WV,¹ bur. Mt. Hebron U.M. Church Cem, nr Jane Lew. John and Martha had 3 children with 3 living in 1900 after 29 years of marriage. John died from a cerebral hem.

8. Louisa Hardman b. ca 1853, d. in childhood.

9. Amanda F. Hardman b. 17-May-1855, Stanley's Run, Lewis Co, (W)V,¹⁴ m. 28-Feb-1877, in Lewis Co, WV,²² John Conlin.

C. Margaret Hardman b. 14-Nov-1813, Ohio, m. 2-Mar-1835, in Lewis Co, (W)V, David D. Whetzel, b. 2-Jun-1804, Shenandoah Co, VA, d. 27-Nov-1882, Gaston, Lewis Co, WV, bur. Hardman Cem on Foster Hardman farm. Margaret died 15-Sep-1900, Lewis Co, WV, bur. Hardman Cem on Foster Hardman farm. Joy is still confused as to whether Margaret is a child of first or second marriage. Margaret's tombstone also says she was born 13 November instead of 14 November. David: David came to Lewis County in 1815 with his parents. Information from Minnie McWhorter; Hardesty's History of Lewis; various county court records and cemetery records

1. Henry Bivin Wetzel b. 26-Mar-1836, Lewis Co, (W)V, m. 11-Mar-1858, in Lewis Co, (W)V, Emily J. Clark, b. 18-Aug-1836, Lewis Co, (W)V, (daughter of John Clark and Margaret Bonnell).

2. Ruhama Whetzel b. 1838, m. 5-Jun-1859, in Lewis Co, (W)V, Zachariah T. Tillman, b. 4-Feb-1833, VA, (son of _____ Tillman and Teresa _____) d. 22-Oct-1906, Lewis Co, WV, bur. Hardman Cem on Foster Hardman farm. Zachariah: Info from Minnie McWhorter, census and marriage records

3. Julia A. Whetzel b. 1841.

4. Mariet Whetzel b. 1845.

5. Mariah L. Whetzel b. 1846.

6. Alonzo M. Whetzel b. 14-Nov-1852, Lewis Co, (W)V, d. 29-Dec-1853, Lewis Co, (W)V, bur. Hardman Cem on Foster Hardman farm.

D. Anna Mariah Hardman b. 29-May-1816, d. 8-Feb-1900, Lewis Co, WV, bur. Hardman Cem on Foster Hardman farm.

E. Thomas R. Hardman b. 20-Jan-1820, Lewis Co, (W)V, m. 7-Apr-1851, in Lewis Co, (W)V, Susan E. Summers, b. 20-Jun-1828, (daughter of George Summers and Elizabeth _____) d. 15-May-1897, Lewis Co, WV, bur. Hardman Cem on Foster Hardman farm. Thomas died 9-Dec-1905, Lewis Co, WV,¹ bur. Hardman Cem on Foster Hardman farm. Info from 1860 and 1920 census and Cemetery Book I. According to death record Thomas died from epilepsy.

1. Alonzo C. Hardman b. 04-May-1856, Lewis Co, (W)V,¹⁴ Occupation: farmer, m. 20-Jun-1885, in Lewis Co,

WV,⁴¹ Rebecca Elizabeth Stalnaker, b. 13-Mar-1864, Lewis Co, WV, (daughter of Sobisco Stalnaker and Christianne Waggoner) d. 14-Feb-1937, Lewis Co, WV,⁵ bur. Masonic Cem, Weston, WV. Alonzo died 6-May-1940, Horner, Lewis Co, WV,⁵ Alonzo died from heart trouble. Rebecca: Rebecca died of "acute mastoiditis."

2. Victoria Diana Hardman b. 26-Sep-1858, Lewis Co, (W)V,¹⁹ m. Franz L. Taylor, b. ??-Mar-1859, WV. Franz: Information from 1900 census of Lewis County.

3. G. Charles Hardman b. 4-Sep-1865, Lewis Co, WV,¹⁹ d. 17-Feb-1867, Lewis Co, WV, bur. Hardman Cem on Foster Hardman farm. Charles died at age 2y 4m 23d according to tombstone, but his birth record disagrees with this.

F. David Hardman b. 1829, m. 27-Dec-1855, in Lewis Co, (W)V, Harriet Clark, b. 1837, (daughter of Robert H. Clark and Susannah _____) d. 1861, Lewis Co, (W)V, bur. Mt. Gilead Church Cem, Georgetown. David died 28-Sep-1860, Lewis Co, (W)V, bur. Mt. Gilead Church Cem, Georgetown. Information from 1860 Lewis Co Census.

1. Clinton R. Hardman b. 22-Oct-1856, Lewis Co, (W)V,¹⁹ Clinton's middle initial was "W" on his birth record. Which is correct?

2. Albert Jenkins Hardman b. 23-Aug-1858, Lewis Co, (W)V,¹⁹ m. Martha Flora Law, b. 5-Mar-1860, (daughter of Asa Law and Mary Feil) d. 8-Mar-1940, Lewis Co, WV,⁵ bur. Mt. Hebron U.M. Church Cem, nr Jane Lew. Albert died 1945, Lewis Co, WV, bur. Mt. Hebron U.M. Church Cem, nr Jane Lew. Martha: Martha died from a cerebral hem.

3. Martha A. Hardman b. 1860, d. 1861, Lewis Co, (W)V, bur. Mt. Gilead Church Cem, Georgetown.

G. Louisa Hardman b. 31-May-1833, Lewis Co, (W)V, d. 3-Jul-1904, Horner, Lewis Co, WV.

H. L. W. Hardman

V. Catherine Hardman b. 26-Feb-1784, m. (1) 20-Mar-1801, in Harrison Co, (W)V,²⁶ James Hyde, m. (2) 4-Nov-1814, in Harrison Co, (W)V,²⁶ Peter Waggoner, b. 13-Mar-1787, Jesse's Run, Lewis Co, (W)V, d. 26-May-1879, Millstone Run, Lewis Co, WV, bur. Harmony Cem, Lewis Co, WV. Catherine died 2-Apr-1867, Lewis Co, WV, bur. Harmony Cem, Lewis Co, WV. According to Sam Hardman (Paul Hardman ms), "Katy was induced by the Wagners (sic) to make violent love to him (Peter Waggoner) when he was visiting his home folks about the year 1810 to estrange Peter from any and all love of his Indian squaw and two papooses. Tradition in the Hardman family says Peter was kept drunk near the time he had vowed to return, and gay parties kept up. Peter married Katy when the time for his visit had expired and to return after such date meant torture and perhaps death. Peter: Peter was captured by the Indians as a young boy, lived with them for twenty years, married an Indian woman and had two daughters. He was recognized on Paint Creek by a Mr. Booher (we now know this is the correct name) and word was sent to his father, John, that he was there. John Hardman, John Waggoner's son-in-law, accompanied ____ and they visited Peter and convinced him to come home to visit. He never returned to his Indian family. His wife (Indian) is said to have come looking for him; she was told he was dead. **** Peter always retained his Indian ways. When he was about to die, he asked to be placed on the floor to die in the Indian manner.

A. Isaac Hyde

B. John Hyde

C. Charlotte Hyde

D. William Waggoner b. 11-Mar-1816, Hacker's Creek, Lewis Co, (W)V, m. 21-Oct-1837, in Lewis Co, (W)V, Nancy Ann Ball, b. 8-Nov-1818, d. 19-Jun-1881. William died ca 1900, Lewis Co, WV. Information on this family from Cris Waggoner and HCJ, Vol. II, p 56.

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"THE HELL FIRED BAND"

by Darell Knight

Daniel McCune, Joseph Parsons, Alexander Turner, and Jackson Cottrell were convicted of the murder of Jonathan Nicholas in 1843. They were members of a clan that was organized by an element of pioneers who were early settlers on the West Fork of the Little Kanawha River and called themselves "The Hell Fired Band." They organized to discourage improvement of every kind such as clearing of land, making settlements, opening of roads, organizing churches and schools, and civilization in general.

George Arbogast and G.U. Reed were summoned to work on a road on the Beech Fork of the West Fork of the Little Kanawha River. One night those mentioned above murdered Jonathan Nicholas who was the road overseer. Arbogast and Reed quickly moved out and settled at the mouth of Big Otter Creek.

The foregoing parties were all sentenced to the pen at Richmond, Virginia, for eighteen years. Alexander Turner died on the road to the pen near the White Sulfur Springs in Greenbrier County. Parsons died soon after arriving there. Because Jackson Cottrell was only seventeen years of age, he was pardoned after serving 5 years. Daniel McCune lived 2 or 3 years after Cottrell was pardoned.

IN APPRECIATION TO GENEALOGISTS ALL

by Anita Fiedler

A tribute I bring to the seekers and searchers,
A toast to the ones who respond to the call,
A bouquet of gratitude lay at your doorstep,
Accolades high from recipients all.

You long to shed light on the mysteries of history,
You strive to envision the ones gone before,
You grieve for the lives of the ones unapplauded,
You marvel at exploits of families of yor.

Your minds touch the hearts of a bygone existence,
Your search reveals dreams of our parents of old,
Your love of the past aids the latchstring to open,
Your zeal for the truth helps the drama unfold.

So hail to the ones who keep history's heartbeat!
And hail to the ones working hard for the cause!
My thanks to you all for your great dedication!
My tribute I bring with resounding applause!

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Life of Sitting Bull	"
Personal Help for Parents	"
Personal Help for Married	"
Personal Help for Men	"
Personal Help for Young Women	"
Personal Help for Boys	"
Personal Help for Girls	"
McGuffey's Reader	"
Horner Methodist Church	Bud Harris
Cook Material	
<u>Purchases</u>	
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Upshur County Death Records 1853-1928	
<u>Allegheny Passage</u>	

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ADDITIONAL LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

Editor's Note: I "goofed" last issue and didn't get the library acquisitions in the Journal. So you get two lists this time.

TitleDonor

The following books have been purchased by HCPD; several were purchased for 10 cents each when Louis Bennett Library had a book sale:

Settlers by the Long Grey Trail
Virginia Genealogist (Vol 1-10)
Congressional Records, Vol 53
Congressional Records, Vol 62
Virginia Valley Records
The Davissons
West Virginia Historical Almanac
Historical Sites of West Virginia
West Virginia Legislative Handbook (1924) (Rare book)
Early Marriages, Wills, Rev War Records of Boutetourt
County, VA
Census of US 1910 Abstract (Rare book)
Frederick County, VA, Marriages 1771-1825
Hampshire County Minute Book Abstracts 1788-1802
Hampshire County Early Records
West Virginia Estate Settlements
Historical Sketches of Pocahontas County
Genealogy of Some Early Families in Grant and Pleasants
District, Preston County
Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement (Chalkley's)
(Three volumes)
The Great Wagon Road
Index to 1810 Census of Virginia
Harrison Co, WV Deed Records 1785-1910

The following were donated:

<u>DeTannera</u>	Mary Anne Radabaugh
<u>Messenger Family Tree</u>	Beverly Messenger
<u>Weston Hospital</u>	Lawrence Chapman
<u>How Were My Ancestors Educated</u>	Bill Hayes
<u>Ancestors of James Family, His</u>	
<u>Biography of Dobson Family</u>	Ernest C. James
<u>An Irish Rudd Family 1760-1988</u>	Norman Rudd
<u>Descendants of Wm Henry * Nina</u>	
<u>Ann Golden Westfall</u>	Beverly Messenger
<u>Story of American Heroism</u>	Joy Gilchrist
<u>Home Life in Colonial Days</u>	"
<u>South Branch Intelligencer</u>	
<u>Abstracts</u>	Eva Newlon
<u>William Hurst Family</u>	Connie Street
<u>Whatever You Resolve To Be</u>	Mrs. Russell Hutter

<u>The Legacy of Riverside</u>	Katherine Fagan
<u>Dodson Family of North Farham</u>	
<u>Parish, Richmond Co, VA (2 vol)</u>	Jerry Kay
<u>Apprentices of Virginia</u>	Bill Hayes to Bob Smith
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<u>History of England (2 vol)</u>	
<u>(Rare books)</u>	Robert B. Smith
<u>Major Land Use Changes</u>	John Hinzman
<u>Comprehensive Criminal Justice</u>	
<u>Plan 1972</u>	"
<u>Improving Justice & Reducing</u>	
<u>Crimes 1974 & 1975</u>	"
<u>Criminal Justice Programs for WV</u>	
<u>1975, 1976, 1977</u>	"
<u>The Nuzum Family History</u>	?
<u>West Virginia University Family</u>	
<u>Heritage</u>	Raydine Teicheira
<u>Chambers County (Pictorial</u>	
<u>History)</u>	The Donning Company
<u>Bonnett Family</u>	Baxtime Nichols
<u>West Virginia Hillbilly</u>	
<u>Obits</u>	Tom Scott
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	"
<u>The Family</u>	Raymond Wolfe, Jr.
<u>Pioneers Along the Manataway</u>	"
<u>Davis Settlers of Salem</u>	Betty Atkins
<u>Index to above</u>	"
<u>Early Clark Co, OH, Families</u>	
<u>Vital Statistics (3 volumes)</u>	Rocky Swisher
<u>Marriages of People Named Floyd</u>	Richard Callihan
<u>Alleghany Regional Ancestor</u>	
<u>Charts</u>	AR Society
<u>Elkins - The Beginning</u>	David Armstrong
<u>Beverly, WV (A Pictorial History)</u>	Raymond Wolfe, Jr.
<u>Rhymes of Old Nature Man,</u>	
<u>H.D. Rohr</u>	Alice Kallmerten
<u>Yearbook Upshur Co Hist Soc</u>	Raymond Wolfe, Jr.
<u>Civil War in Fayette Co, WV</u>	?
<u>Robert E. Lee at Sewell Mt, WV</u>	?
<u>Delaware Newspaper Abstracts</u>	Irma Curtis
<u>Delaware Genealogies</u>	"
<u>Delaware Genealogical Soc Direc</u>	"
<u>Life and Times of Lewis Wetzel</u>	In memory of Mrs. H.A.
	Curtis by M/M Frank
	Depto
<u>Early Tax Records</u>	Kitty Czarnecki (dcd)
	by Irma Curtis
<u>Ohio Cemetery Records</u>	"
<u>Boston English</u>	"
<u>Government of York Co, PA</u>	"
<u>Webster Independent</u>	"
<u>Reconstructed 1790 Census</u>	
<u>of Delaware</u>	"
<u>The Ridge Runners 1977 & 1981</u>	Haroldine Stalnaker

New England Historical & Genea- logical Register (13 issues)	
Beetle Gazette	
The Augustan Society Omnibus Book (8 books)	Raymond Wolfe, Jr.
The Augustan (6 books)	"
Marion Co, WV, Gleanings	"
Flintlock and Powderhorn	"
1983, 1984, 1985, 1986,	"
Drumbeat 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987	"

 Along the way, we missed thanking Mrs. A. H. Huebinger
 for the following donations:

Western Pennsylvania Quarterlies
 Our Heritage - Vol 30, 31 & 32
 No. Carolina Gen Soc Quarterly 1989, 1990, 1991

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 Ronald A. Bremer's: The World's Funniest Epitaphs
 Federal Forms
 Things Interesting
 Sources of Birth, Marriage *
 Death Prior 1900
 The "Foreign" Pedigree
 Tracing the Immigrant Ancestor

Genealogical Chart showing descent & relationships of
 Kings and Queens of Great Britain

David L. Kent's Foreign Origins (Men Enlisted in US
 from 1798-1815)

The following North Carolina books:

Cutural Resources
 Revolutionary War Pay Records by Coker & Lennon
 Census Records, 1784-1900
 Courts of Law & Equity Prior to 1868
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 Select Bibliography for Research in North Carolina
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George Stevenson's North Carolina Local HIstory, A
 Select Bibliography

David L. Corbitt's The Formation of the North Carolina
 Counties 1663-1943

The North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal
 (Volumes 1-14) 1975-1988

Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society Quarterly
 (Volumes 1-14) 1975-1988

West Virginia History Volumes 38-45 1976-1984
The Genealogical Helper 1983-1988

Ten store ledger books and a harness catalogue from the Waggoner Store on the Right Hand Fork of Freeman's Creek. Donated by George W. Waggoner and the Waggoner family.

HISTORY OF KANAWHA COUNTY, WV, REPRINTED

The West Virginia Genealogical Society has reprinted W. S. Laidley's History of Kanawha County. It may be ordered by sending \$65.00 to WVGS, PO Box 249, Elkview, WV 25071. Other publications available from the society are: Clay County, WV, Marriages, 1858-1958, \$18; Clay County, WV, Marriage Index, \$12; Kanawha County, WV, Marriages 1869-1884, \$16; 1820 Greenbrier, WV, Census, \$8; 1830 Kanawha County, WV, Census, \$10; 1840 Kanawha County, WV Census, \$10; 1850 Kanawha County, WV, Census, \$14; 1870 Kanawha Co, WV, Census, \$20; Ancestor Tree, Vol I (5 Gen Charts of members), \$10; Ancestor Tree, Vol II, \$10. All publications are shipped postpaid.

is thank you worth 29 cents????

One of our helpers in the southwestern part of the US sent me this postcard which is circulating in her area; she thought it would be a good reminder to HCPD members.

"Is Thank You worth 29 cents?
When someone opens the door for you - you Thank them.
How many times a day, do you Thank someone?
or does someone say Thank You to You?
Yet you root searchers are getting so sloppy.
Some people spend time copying or checking info
For your Queries and pay 29 cents to send it to you.
Do you bother to say thank you or replace the stamp?
Have you had any answers to your Queries lately?

- Signed Tired of trying to help people.

FIFTEENTH WEST VIRGINIA INFANTRY HISTORY TO BE WRITTEN
YOUR HELP NEEDED

Now doing research for a regimental history of FIFTEENTH WEST VIRGINIA INFANTRY in the Civil War. Regiment mustered September 1862; were present for surrender at Appomatox. Guarded B&O in Eastern Panhandle, WV, through 1863; 1864-1865 participated in battles and skirmishes at Tennessee & Virginia Railroad, burning New River Bridge, Berryville, Snicker's Gap, Kerntown, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek, Petersburg, i.e., much of the action in the Bloody Shenandoah that brought the war to an end.

Two companies were raised in Lewis Co, one in Preston/Barbour/Taylor, one in Wood/Tyler Co area, one in Marshall, one in Eastern Panhandle, one in Clay?.

Seeking diaries, letters, pictures of soldiers, anything that might add to this history. History scheduled for publication 1995.

List of soldiers from Lewis on next four pages. For complete list of regiment or to submit info, write: Joy Gregoire Gilchrist, HC-64 Box 38, Alum Bridge, WV 26321; or call collect, (304) 269-9789.

A PICTORIAL HISTORY OF OLD LEWIS COUNTY: THE CROSSROADS
OF CENTRAL WEST VIRGINIA

The new Lewis County history has been a huge success. We printed 1000 copies. Less than fifty remain! If you plan to order a copy, we suggest you get your order in now. There are 7 deluxe copies at \$69.50. Regular edition is \$39.50. Include \$4.50 shipping and handling. WV residents must pay 6% sales tax. Send order to: HCPD, PO Box 37, Jane Lew, WV 26378

HAVE YOU LOOKED. ?

Having trouble finding that elusive ancestor?

Have you looked in chancery/circuit court files? They're can be a wealth of information. The Bush material found elsewhere in this issue was in Circuit Court.

Have you checked for documents in the spouse's surname of all children - male and female? mother's surname?

Return of Captain William J. Nicholas' Company "D" 15th Regiment West Virginia Volunteer Infantry stationed at Camp Russel, showing the condition of said company on the 16th day of December, 1864, together with a complete record of the changes that have taken place since its organization (with some additions, report of 1865).

A. M. PENINGER, Lieutenant, Commanding.

NAME	Rank	Age	When Mustered into Service	REMARKS
Peterson, Jasper	Captain	..	Sept. 8, 1862	Resigned Oct. 23, 1863
Nicholas, William J.	Captain	..	Oct. 29, 1863	1st Lt., Co. B. transferred. Sick in U. S. Hospital, Baltimore, Sept., 1864.
Hoff, William D.	1st Lt.	..	Sept. 7, 1863	Captured at Cedar Creek, Oct. 19, 1864.
Peninger, Amos M.	2nd Lt.	23	Sept. 8, 1863	
Kayser, Albert L.	1st Sgt.	21	Sept. 8, 1863	
Burnsides, William H.	Sgt.	30	Sept. 8, 1863	
Freeman, John T.	Sgt.	26	Sept. 8, 1863	Captured at Berryville, Sept. 3, 1864.
Waggoner, Oliver.	Sgt.	19	Sept. 8, 1863	
Rifler, Benjamin.	Corp'l	22	Sept. 8, 1863	
Divers, Gabriel.	Corp'l	23	Sept. 8, 1863	Wounded and captured at Lynchburg, June 18, 1864. Died Sept. 1864, Andersonville.
Lawson, George P.	Corp'l	21	Sept. 8, 1863	Wounded at Berryville, Sept. 3, 1864.
Michael, Wm. N.	Corp'l	23	Sept. 8, 1863	Detach. duty 1st Div. Hospital, Oct., 1864.
Mason, William G. W.	Corp'l	30	Sept. 8, 1863	
Rifles, John R.	Corp'l	33	Sept. 8, 1863	Sick at U. S. Hospital, Baltimore, Aug. 1864.
Lewis, William W.	Corp'l	19	Sept. 8, 1863	
Sherry, Christian R.	Corp'l	18	Sept. 8, 1863	
Atkinson, James P.	Private	18	Sept. 8, 1863	Sick at Winchester, Oct. 19, 1864.
Boram, George W.	Private	38	Sept. 8, 1863	
Boram, Abram C.	Private	18	April 20, 1864	
Burrough, David H.	Private	20	Sept. 8, 1862	
Brown, Alexander.	Private	27	Sept. 8, 1862	
Bailey, Morgan J.	Private	21	Sept. 8, 1862	Sick, U. S. Hospital, Baltimore, Aug. 1864.
Bailey, Albert W.	Private	20	Sept. 8, 1862	Sick, U. S. Hospital, Cumberland, Sept., '64.
Brake, Granville.	Private	38	Sept. 8, 1862	Wounded, left on field at Lynchburg, June 18, 1864.
Burner, James.	Private	19	June 13, 1864	Detach. duty, 3rd Brig., Sept., 1864.
Bailey, Boyd.	Private	18	Mar. 3, 1864	Died of fever at Richmond, May 11, 1865.
Boram, Francis.	Private	18	Mar. 3, 1864	Wounded at Cloyd Mt., May 8, 1864.
Burrough, George.	Private	21	Sept. 8, 1862	In post guard house for desertion, New Creek, Jan. 24, 1864.
Coyner, Archibald.	Private	34	Feb. 6, 1864	
Coburn, William.	Private	19	Feb. 6, 1864	Sick, Hospital, Baltimore, Aug. 1864.
Cayton, David.	Private	28	Sept. 8, 1862	Detached. Service Dept. W. Va., July, 1864.
Clem, Emanuel.	Private	39	Sept. 8, 1862	
Cowman, John S.	Private	31	Sept. 8, 1862	
Coke, James B.	Private	18	Sept. 8, 1862	Died at Grafton, Jan. 10, 1865.
Corder, Albert F.	Private	19	Sept. 8, 1862	
Childers, R. D.	Private	19	Sept. 8, 1862	Detached, Duty, July, 1864.
Clemens, Norton.	Private	21	Sept. 8, 1862	Detach. Service, Oct., 1864.
Debarr, Benjamin.	Private	32	Sept. 8, 1862	Sick at Winchester, Oct., 1864.
Ervine, Marshall M.	Private	21	Sept. 8, 1862	Sick, U. S. Hospital, Cumberland, Oct. 22, 1862 to March, 1863.
Eakle, Jonathan M.	Private	31	Sept. 8, 1862	Wounded at Lynchburg, June 18, 1864.
Fisher, Asa S.	Private	30	Sept. 8, 1862	Detach. Service, April, 1864.
Fisher, Zebedee.	Private	18	Sept. 8, 1862	Captured at Cedar Creek, Oct. 19, 1864.
Fisher, Jacob W.	Private	23	Sept. 8, 1862	
Flannagan, James.	Private	46	Sept. 8, 1862	
Forinash, Charles.	Private	25	Sept. 8, 1862	Sick at Cumberland, Jan. 1863.
Grady, John.	Private	35	Sept. 8, 1862	Sick at Cumberland, May, 1863.
Gartner, George W.	Private	20	Dec. 12, 1863	
Hughes, Houston J.	Private	26	Sept. 8, 1862	Sick at Baltimore, August, 1864.
Henline, Andrew J.	Private	24	Sept. 8, 1862	
Hall, James F.	Private	18	Sept. 8, 1862	
Hingsman, Alfred.	Private	22	Sept. 8, 1862	
Hiner, Sylvester.	Private	20	Sept. 8, 1862	
Jeffries, Levi B.	Private	18	Sept. 8, 1862	Wounded at Winchester, Sept. 19, 1864.
Jeffries, John S.	Private	34	Sept. 8, 1862	
Jackson, John W.	Private	20	Sept. 8, 1862	Died of fever at Chapins Farm, Va., March 14, 1865.
Loeb, Joseph.	Private	21	Sept. 8, 1862	
Lawrence, William A.	Private	30	Sept. 8, 1862	
McWhorter, S.	Private	18	Sept. 8, 1862	
Mullins, Samuel B.	Private	25	Sept. 8, 1862	
Morris, Curtis.	Private	23	Sept. 8, 1862	
Maxson, James K. P.	Private	18	Sept. 8, 1862	
Nlar, William H.	Private	22	Sept. 8, 1862	
Pumphrey, F. M.	Private	19	Sept. 8, 1862	

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NAME	Rank	Age	When Mustered into Service	REMARKS
Ratliff, William H.....	Private	20	Sept. 8, 1862	Detach. Service, October, 1864.
Razroad, Uriah.....	Private	18	Sept. 8, 1862	
Strawser, William.....	Private	18	Sept. 8, 1862	Wounded at Lynchburg, June 18, 1864.
Stutler, Stephen.....	Private	23	Sept. 8, 1862	
Simpson, John B.....	Private	18	Sept. 8, 1862	Detach. Service, October, 1864.
Starcher, George W.....	Private	19	Sept. 8, 1862	Wounded at Berryville, Sept. 3, 1864.
Sibole, Robert S.....	Private	19	Sept. 8, 1862	
Swisher, W. D.....	Private	18	Sept. 8, 1862	Died at Cumberland, Dec. 4, 1862.
Straley, David B.....	Private	21	Sept. 8, 1862	Killed at Winchester, Sept. 19, 1864.
Taylor, Albert.....	Private	19	Sept. 8, 1862	
Taylor, George W.....	Private	18	Sept. 8, 1862	
Taylor, Sandy.....	Private	25	Sept. 8, 1862	Wounded and captured, June 18, 1864; died at Wilmington, N. C., Mar. 22, 1865.
Taylor, Bradley.....	Private	21	Sept. 8, 1862	
Taylor, W. H.....	Private	25	Sept. 8, 1862	
Taylor, Noah.....	Private	21	Sept. 8, 1862	
Warner, William D.....	Private	24	Sept. 8, 1862	
Williams, Edward J.....	Private	24	Sept. 8, 1862	
Wilson, Jasper.....	Private	21	Sept. 8, 1862	
Wagoner, M. O.....	Private	20	Sept. 8, 1862	
Yoke, William J.....	Private	18	Mar. 1, 1864	
Lawson, David B.....	Private	18	Sept. 8, 1862	Missing in action at Lynchburg, June 1, '64.
Batton, William C.....	1st Lt.	..	Sept. 8, 1862	Discharged by Board of Examiners April 16, 1863.
→ Cutright, Miffin.....	2nd Lt.	..	Dec. 10, 1862	Resigned Nov. 28, 1864, at Winchester.
Taylor, Morris J.....	Private	32	Sept. 8, 1862	Discharged at Cumberland, Feb. 13, 1863.
Atkinson, William A.....	Corp'l	22	Sept. 8, 1862	Trans. Invalid Corps, June 15, 1864.
Burrough, George W.....	Private	22	Sept. 8, 1862	Trans. Invalid Corps, June 15, 1864.
Hall, Edward H.....	1st Lt.	23	Sept. 8, 1862	Died of fever at Cumberland, Nov. 16, 1862.
Thornhill, William.....	Sgt.	21	Sept. 8, 1862	Died of wounds received in action June 12, 1864.
Allender, James.....	Private	18	April 20, 1864	Died of wounds received in action June 12, 1864.
Ford, Thaddeus C.....	Private	24	Sept. 8, 1862	Died at Weston, March 30, 1863.
Flesher, Benton.....	Private	20	Sept. 8, 1862	Killed at Berryville, Sept. 3, 1864.
Jones, William.....	Private	22	Sept. 8, 1862	Drowned in Potomac, March 16, 1864.
Keyser, John S.....	Private	18	Jan. 1, 1864	Died at Lynchburg, June 18, 1864.
Yoke, John R.....	Private	34	Sept. 8, 1862	Died of fever at Grafton, May 17, 1864.

LEWIS COUNTY IN THE CIVIL WAR

Return of Capt. Michael Egan's Company "B" of the 15th Regiment West Virginia Infantry Volunteers stationed at Camp Russell, Va., December 3, 1864, under command of Patrick Powers 2nd Lieutenant with additional notes from report of 1865.

NAME	Rank	Age	When Mustered into Service	REMARKS
Egan, Michael.....	Captain	36	Sept. 1, 1863	Captured at Meadow Bluff, May 9, 1864; escaped Nov. 4, 1864.
Nicholas, William J.....	1st Lt.	27	Sept. 1, 1862	Promoted Captain of Co. D, Oct. 27, 1863.
Detamore, John W.....	1st Lt.	36	Sept. 1, 1862	Sick at Indianapolis, Sept., 1864; wounded at Berryville.
Powers, Patrick.....	2nd Lt.	26	Sept. 1, 1862	Promoted from Sgt. vice Detamore promoted Oct. 27, 1863.
Mays, Lawrence.....	1st Sgt.	38	Sept. 1, 1862	
Belt, Hodgman.....	2nd Sgt.	28	Sept. 1, 1862	
Ward, John D.....	Sgt.	21	Sept. 1, 1862	
Davis, James T.....	Sgt.	30	Sept. 1, 1862	Sick at Sandy Hook, August, 1864.
Fisher, George A.....	Sgt.	18	Sept. 1, 1862	
Wood, A. J.....	Corp'l	33	Sept. 1, 1862	Promoted to Sergeant.
Bush, John J.....	Corp'l	35	Sept. 1, 1862	
Moneypenny, T. W.....	Corp'l	21	Sept. 1, 1862	
Montgomery, Henry.....	Corp'l	34	Sept. 1, 1862	Discharged for disability March 12, 1865; Captured at Berryville Sept. 3, 1864.
Malia, Patrick.....	Corp'l	23	Sept. 1, 1862	
Rohrbough, A. E.....	Corp'l	25	Sept. 1, 1862	Captured at Cedar Creek, Oct. 19, 1864.
Ellis, James F.....	Corp.	23	Sept. 1, 1862	Captured at Cedar Creek, Oct. 19, 1864; died at Salisbury Prison, N. C., Feb. 13, 1865.
Brown, Thomas.....	Corp'l	31	Mar. 31, 1864	Wounded at Winchester, Sept. 9, 1864.
Hitt, Joseph W.....	Corp'l	30	Sept. 1, 1862	Killed in action near Lynchburg, June 18, 1864.
Tanner, John.....	Wagoner	59	Sept. 1, 1862	
Adams, Isaac.....	Private	48	Sept. 1, 1862	Working on fortifications at Washington, Nov., 1864; discharged for disability Jan. 31, 1865.
Arbogast, Daniel.....	Private	27	Sept. 1, 1862	
Bailey, Albert.....	Private	20	Sept. 1, 1862	
Butcher, Michael E.....	Private	23	Sept. 1, 1862	Discharged from Fort Monroe May 27, 1865. O. W. D.
Burkhammer, Joseph.....	Private	18	Sept. 1, 1862	Discharged for disability, Feb. 20, 1865.
Burns, Patrick.....	Private	21	Sept. 1, 1862	
Bailey, Philander.....	Private	18	Sept. 1, 1862	Died at New Creek, Nov. 1, 1862, of measles.
Brown, Jesse.....	Private	34	Sept. 1, 1862	
Bowan, John E.....	Private	18	Mar. 31, 1864	Deserted since July 27, 1864.
Bush, Henry H.....	Private	21	Sept. 1, 1862	Captured at Meadow Bluff, May 19, 1864; died at Andersonville.
Crawford, Joseph.....	Private	18	May 31, 1864	Captured at Cedar Creek, Oct. 19, 1864.
Clark, John.....	Private	25	Mar. 31, 1864	Deserted at Wheeling, March 31, 1864.
Carney, Michael.....	Private	26	Sept. 1, 1862	Discharged for disability, March 12, 1865.
Cutright, Isaac.....	Private	25	Sept. 1, 1862	
Conrad, George W.....	Private	29	Sept. 1, 1862	
Crowl, John W.....	Private	25	Sept. 1, 1862	
Dailey, Charles.....	Private	19	Mar. 31, 1864	Died at Charles Town, May 9, 1864.
Davis, Lorenzo L.....	Private	19	Oct. 16, 1862	
Davis, William H.....	Private	35	Sept. 1, 1862	Sick at Sandy Hook, August, 1864.
Doory, John.....	Private	32	Sept. 1, 1862	
Dinamore, John A.....	Private	26	Sept. 1, 1862	Regimental Armorer since March 1, 1863.
Dodson, Charles E.....	Private	18	Mar. 31, 1864	
Finster, Simon.....	Private	39	Sept. 1, 1862	Wounded at Cedar Creek, Oct. 19, 1864.
Fisher, Jacob C.....	Private	37	Sept. 1, 1862	
Gaston, James.....	Private	22	Sept. 1, 1862	
Horan, Peter.....	Private	20	Sept. 1, 1862	
Horan, Kieran.....	Private	23	Sept. 1, 1862	Killed in action at Cedar Creek, Oct. 19, '64.
Hanson, Charles W.....	Private	20	Sept. 1, 1862	Sick at Charleston, June, 1864.
Hacker, William G.....	Private	22	Sept. 1, 1862	Discharged May 27, 1865, O. W. D.
Hall, Joseph.....	Private	43	Sept. 1, 1862	Wounded at Cedar Creek, Oct. 19, 1864.
Hines, Thomas.....	Private	18	Sept. 1, 1862	Killed in action near Staunton, June 10, '64.
Jones, Benjamin S.....	Private	23	Sept. 1, 1862	Sick at Claryville, June, 1864.
Jenkins, Joseph.....	Private	18	June 20, 1863	Absent without leave, June 9, 1864.
Jewell, Albert.....	Private	46	Sept. 1, 1862	Discharged for disability Dec. 9, 1862, at New Creek.
Knapp, William T.....	Private	31	Sept. 1, 1862	Wounded at Winchester, Sept. 19, 1864.
Lamb, Skidmore.....	Private	22	Sept. 1, 1862	
Literal, James.....	Private	18	Mar. 31, 1864	Deserted July 9, 1864.
Laurrell, John.....	Private	27	Sept. 1, 1862	Captured at Cedar Creek Oct. 19, 1864, sent to Salisbury Prison, N. C.

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NAME	Rank	Age	When Mustered into Service	REMARKS
Moneyenny, James.....	Private	18	Sept. 1, 1862	Wounded at Snickers Gap, July 18, 1864.
Moneyenny, William.....	Private	37	Sept. 1, 1862	Died of fever at Wheeling, Oct. 14, 1862.
Moneyenny, Napoleon.....	Private	22	Sept. 1, 1862	Captured at Berryville Sept. 3, 1864, sent to Salisbury Prison, N. C.
Moneyenny, Henry.....	Private	28	Sept. 1, 1862	Sick at Winchester, Sept., 1864.
Moneyenny, Albert.....	Private	29	Sept. 1, 1862	Died of wounds received at Cedar Creek, Oct. 19, 1864.
Means, Isaac.....	Private	38	Sept. 1, 1862	Deserted at Romney, Oct. 16, 1863.
Murphy, John W.....	Private	18	June 20, 1863	Wounded at Fatchers Run. Discharged O. W. D. May 27, 1863.
Means, Calvin.....	Private	30	Sept. 1, 1862	
McCadden, James.....	Private	23	Sept. 1, 1862	
McMann, Patrick.....	Private	21	Sept. 1, 1862	
Newcomb, John.....	Private	43	Sept. 1, 1862	
Nicholas, Carr.....	Private	19	Sept. 1, 1862	
Nicholas, M. C.....	Private	28	Sept. 1, 1862	
Osborne, Harrison.....	Private	25	Sept. 1, 1862	
Yatton, Hinton.....	Private	21	Sept. 1, 1862	
Prunkat, James.....	Private	18	Sept. 1, 1862	Wounded at Cedar Creek, Oct. 19, 1864.
Pletcher, Jonathan.....	Private	27	Sept. 1, 1862	Discharged O. W. D. May 19, 1863.
Pletcher, William H.....	Private	24	Sept. 1, 1862	Captured at Charlen Town, Aug. 10, 1864.
Pletcher, Jacob H.....	Private	24	Sept. 1, 1862	Captured at Cedar Creek, Oct. 19, 1864.
Koarboush, John G.....	Private	19	Sept. 1, 1862	Wounded at Winchester, Sept. 19, 1864.
Bwecker, Manley.....	Private	19	Sept. 1, 1862	
Steinbeck, George W.....	Private	19	Sept. 1, 1862	Wounded at Snickers Gap, July 18, 1864.
Fleeth, Adam C.....	Private	25	Sept. 1, 1862	Discharged for disability at Cumberland March 29, 1863.
Simmons, Wash.....	Private	25	Sept. 1, 1862	Sick at Clarryville, Nov., 1862. Discharged April 3, 1863.
Shearer, Andrew.....	Private	27	Sept. 1, 1862	Died June 10, 1864 of wounds received near Staunton, Va.
Shearer, Henry.....	Private	25	Sept. 1, 1862	Died of wounds received at Cedar Creek, Oct. 19, 1864.
Shoulders, Jacob L.....	Private	24	Sept. 1, 1862	Died of fever at Baltimore, Sept. 13, 1864.
Sprouse, William.....	Private	25	Sept. 1, 1862	Deserted at Back Creek, August, 1863.
Sheifer, John T.....	Private	32	Sept. 1, 1862	Captured at Snickers Gap, July 18, 1864; died at Danville, Dec. 24, 1864.
Speed, Achilles H.....	Private	28	Sept. 1, 1862	Captured at Cedar Creek, Oct. 19, 1864.
Taylor, James.....	Private	30	Sept. 1, 1862	Deserted at Back Creek, June, 1863.
Turner, Johnson.....	Private	33	Sept. 1, 1862	
West, Charles.....	Private	26	Sept. 1, 1862	Sick at Clarryville, May, 1863.
West, George.....	Private	38	Sept. 1, 1862	Died of wounds received at Winchester, Sept. 19, 1864.
West, Alexander.....	Private	28	Sept. 1, 1862	
Wahlock, F. M.....	Private	21	Sept. 1, 1862	
Ward, Henry M.....	Private	19	Sept. 1, 1862	
Woolter, Albert.....	Private	18	Sept. 1, 1862	Captured at Cedar Creek, Oct. 19, 1864; was in Salisbury Prison; died at Baltimore March 19, 1863.
Wilkinson, Joshua S.....	Private	21	June 20, 1863	Captured at Cedar Creek, Oct. 19, 1864.

MCWHORTER CLAN CELEBRATES CABIN BICENTENNIAL

By Neil Nicholas

About nine score of the McWhorter clan met for a three day conference in July, 1993 at Jackson's Mill, West Virginia. They celebrated the Bicentennial anniversary of the construction of the McWhorter cabin which was relocated to Jackson's Mill from Jane Lew in 1927. The Bicentennial was organized by a talented group headed up by Robert McWhorter of Morgantown. Kith and kin came from not only West Virginia, but from a score of states.

The old log cabin was built in 1793 by Henry McWhorter, a Revolutionary War veteran and miller who came from the eastern seaboard and settled on Hacker's Creek that year. The original cabin site was much later named Jane Lew. The McWhorter descendants intermarried with numerous early families of the area. Many of them figured prominently in the stirring early chronicles, including the Cozads, Hardmans, Lowthers, Sleeths, Waggoners and many others. Hacker's Creek was the scene of numerous violent frontier clashes with the Indians in post Revolutionary times. The history of the area has been well documented by Withers' "Chronicles of Border Warfare" and L. V. McWhorter's "Border Settlers Of Northwestern Virginia". Two grand daughters of author L. V. McWhorter attended the Bicentennial.

The McWhorter summer weekend celebration of 1790s' life included a tour of nearby historical home sites and Indian village sites, a seminar on Scotch Irish history and genealogy and a visit to the Central West Virginia Genealogical & Historical Library & Museum in Weston. Entertainment and enlightenment was provided by dancers, puppeteers, cloggers, musicians, frontier craftsmen and women and by culinary demonstrators. A fund was set up to maintain the McWhorter cabin in perpetuity. Commemorative books, mugs, historical tapes and plaques made from some replaced cabin logs helped fuel the cabin endowment. A time capsule will be opened 50 years hence that contains artifacts of family history.

An historically accurate two act play, "Border Story" was presented at the Jackson's Mill barn theater. It was written by Otis Reed, who is a descendent of many of the pioneer families. The well acted drama depicts a day in the life of the McWhorter family. The play revolves largely around the deeds of controversial frontier Indian fighter Jesse Hughes and the perils of frontier life two hundred years ago in central West Virginia. Jesse Hughes is treated fairly in this well rounded presentation. The strong character and deep religious foundation typical of the frontier folk is exemplified in the depiction of Henry and Mary

McWhorter in this production.

The Bicentennial guests had an excellent opportunity to broaden their education about frontier history. They learned a good bit about not only the McWhorter family saga but also of the deeds of the other pioneer families of the area. One attendee and his brother Nelson Nicholas were particularly interested in the history of their ancestors, the Stalnakers, Schoolcrafts, Hughes, Radcliffs and others, needless to say, including the McWhorters. Their great - great grandparents Samuel Stalnaker and Elizabeth McWhorter were married in the McWhorter cabin on September 25, 1827. When they toured the cabin, one brother remarked that he could sense that the couple had often bedded down in the cabin loft - after they were married of course!

The first tour stop was Jane Lew. It was the site of historic West's Fort. It was built in the late 1770s in defense of Shawnee Indian raids which commenced a few years after the first settlers arrived from the South Branch of the Potomac. Indian tribes hadn't lived extensively in the locale since ancient times. They did, however consider it their hunting ground. And here and there they had villages in today's West Virginia. In any case, they were not about to sit idly by and let European encroachments endure that had started in the 1740s and 1750s. This was war, war of the most vicious kind. Ethnic cleansing on both sides.

Many McWhorter Bicentennial attendees could cite ancestors who perished or were wounded by the Shawnees. In one case, the first Stalnaker immigrant lost his wife and son Adam to an Indian raid in southwestern Virginia in 1755. His second son Jacob barely escaped an attack in 1782 at Beverly in Randolph County, but lost his son, also named Adam, to a rifle shot from ambush. The Schoolcraft family of Lewis County was nearly wiped out by the Indians in the 1770s. The tour passes their cabin site where Smith Run (formerly Schoolcraft Run) empties into Stonecoal Creek at US119. Some accounts say as many as 13 children were killed along with their mother, or captured. Among those abducted was Leonard Schoolcraft, then 16. Unlike his two stouthearted brothers who later escaped, Leonard came to fancy the Indian life. Who wouldn't like to hunt and fish all the time and bump off old enemies while squaws take care of the camp and the truck patch?

Leonard led a foray with his Indian comrades on Hacker's Creek in 1787. The raiders massacred Edmund West Sr., his daughter in law, and his young son, aged 12. Leonard personally ordered the knifing of Mary Hacker, a girl of 11, who hadn't succumbed to the tomahawk or to the scalping blade quickly enough to suit him. Needless to say, when the visitors came to West's cemetery, the two Nicholas brothers lay low. They didn't want anyone to be incited to take revenge for their Uncle Lennie's bad behavior.

Next, the group visited the home site of Minter Bailey, an early

Hacker's Creek pioneer. An old road ran by his cabin. The Stalnaker ancestors lived across the creek there.

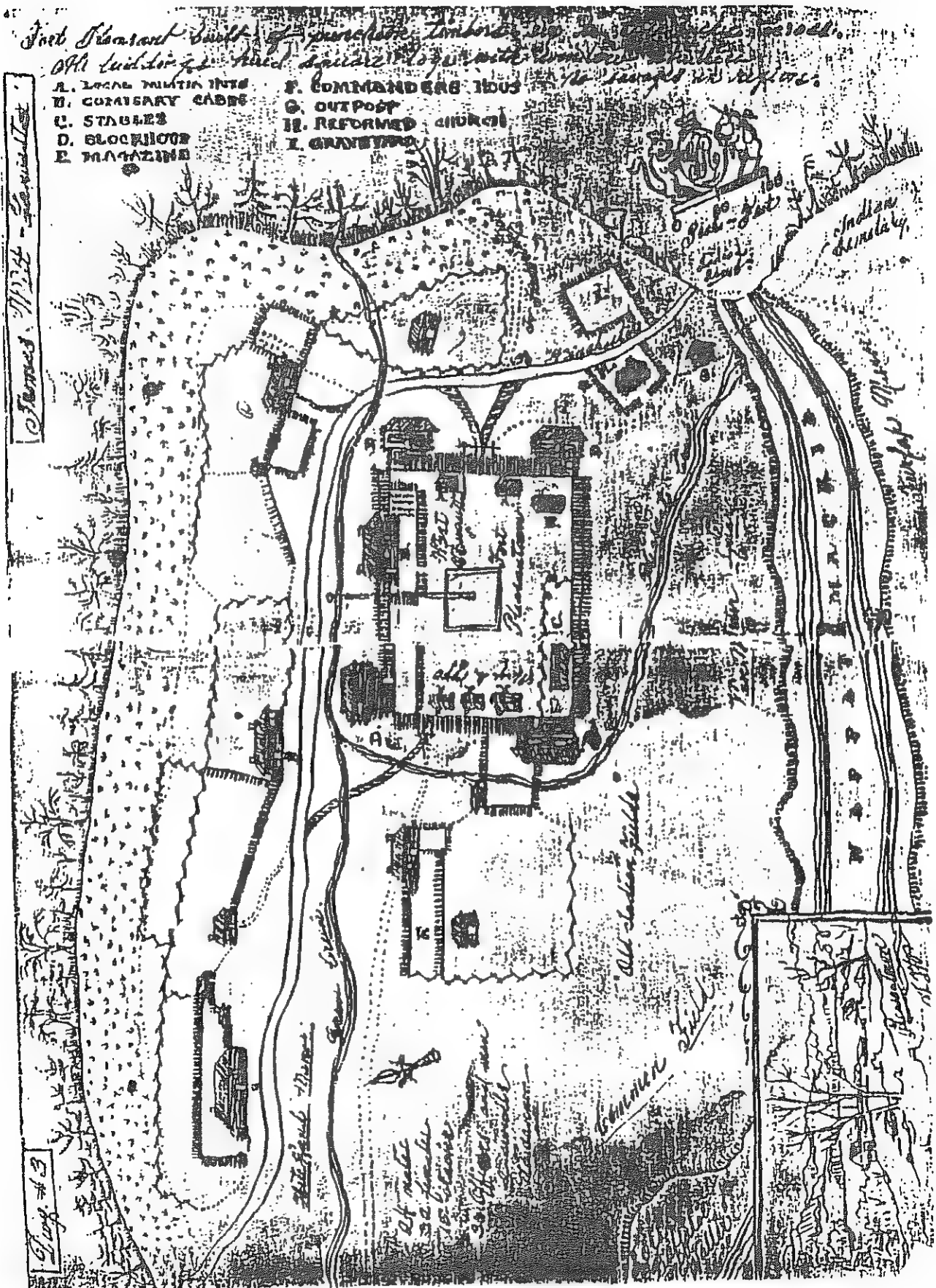
The tour group drove up Jesse's Run, named after the famous - or infamous - Indian Scout, Jesse Hughes. Old Jesse was a hell raiser and general ne'er do well. A hard drinking brawler, he and a (blush) Stalnaker buddy nearly killed a man in a frontier bar fight. Jesse didn't have much interest in ordinary domestic skills, like farming or smithing or milling. He liked to hunt. He liked to hunt Indians. He liked to kill Indians. Particularly after they killed his father. The Bulltown massacre was largely his idea. After the Indian wars were over, he killed an old Indian who had come back one last time to see his old stomping grounds. Jesse had no tolerance for Indians, alive or dead.

But when you needed Jesse, he was the man to turn to. He had the cunning and skills to help defend the Hacker's Creek pioneers who were forced to flee to the fort when word came that the enemy was about. Jesse could outrun, outsmart, outthink and outsmell any Indian, track him down with panther like skills, take back captives and booty, after dispatching the foe to the Happy Hunting Ground. But when peace at last came to the Valley, Ol' Jess was just in the way. A major embarrassment he was. And is, if we are going to be politically correct here.

After he died, Jesse Hughes' long rifle, and an unusually large powder horn were passed down through the Stalnaker family. One Nicholas brother remarked that Jesse Hughes' gun barrel was cut in two and made into twin mountain rifles. One was inherited by his Grandfather Samuel Stalnaker of Elmira, Braxton County, West Virginia. He remembered seeing it many times. It stood in the corner of a bedroom. At the time, nobody seemed to know its true history. But it was regarded with awe and respect.

After two days of immersion in frontier history, culture and family reminiscences, the McWhorter celebration closed with breakfast at the cabin on a Sunday morning. That followed with a church service, a fitting remembrance to Henry McWhorter who was instrumental in bringing Methodism to the frontier. It is right certain that Henry and Mary McWhorter well taught their children the Ten Commandments. For sure the fourth one.

Note: a briefer version of this article appeared in the "West Virginia Hillbilly".



FORT PLEASANT, HARDY COUNTY

by Donovan H. Bond

A map of Fort Pleasant, at Indian Old Fields in Hardy County, furnished to Joy Gilchrist by Marjorie Zirk, that county's librarian, brings to mind memories of one of eastern West Virginia's best-constructed forts. It also serves to stir memories of some of the bloodiest days on the South Branch of the Potomac during the years of the French and Indian War.

George Washington was there in 1747 or 1748 as a surveyor for Lord Fairfax, and remembered the spot well. Already it was called "The Old Fields," or "Indian Old Fields," for the earliest trappers and settlers recalled that Shawnees had plowed and planted corn there. Thus it was a fairly level clearing in the midst of the primeval forest that cloaked the mountains.

The American phase of the Seven Years had begun with young Washington's early victory at Junomville Glen, followed by his surrender at Fort Necessity in 1754, and then a year later by General Braddock's defeat and death just southeast of the Forks of the Ohio (Pittsburgh). In 1756, Washington, just turned 24, and a colonel in the Virginia Militia, proposed the building of a line of forts along the mountain ridges from a point about 65 miles south of Roanoke northeast to Winchester, some then already in existence.

As is true with most specific details from this period, there is some disagreement on just how many forts Washington envisioned in this line of defense--for his main purpose was to form a bastion that would keep the French and their Indian allies from swarming east into Virginia; the Roanoke-Winchester line, in other words, was Virginia's western frontier. Some sources indicate that there were to be as many as 26 forts, others say as few as 20. Five of the forts he recommended were never built, so the latter figure is more likely accurate. But a fort at The Old Fields was to be one of them, situated roughly 20 miles from other installations to the north and south.

Washington, in his 1756 plan, envisioned a 60 man garrison, a part of the 2,000-man force he felt would be needed to keep the enemy at bay. Later fragmentary records suggest an actual troop strength of between 30 and 46.

Shortly after the fort's construction later in that same year--indeed, probably from the time work began--Captain Thomas Waggoner (or Wagner, or Waggoner) was in charge, and thus in manner of that day it often was referred to conversationally as "Fort Waggoner." It also is occasionally found in contemporary records as Fort Van Meter, referring to a family that owned extensive tracts of land nearby; but historians have shied away from this name, for there was another fort on the Ohio bearing that name.

After the founding of Moorefield, it was known as "The Town Fort," no doubt because of the fort's proximity to the

new village. It stood just opposite the later post office in Indian Old Fields, its site finally taken over by a large home built in 1832 by Isaac Van Meter. A local recollection that the last remaining buildings of the old fort were torn down to make way for this home may well have been true, for Samuel Kercheval, the noted historian of the Shenandoah Valley, visited Old Fields in 1830 and reported some of the fort still standing.

The fort itself was one of the largest on the frontier, in recognition of its key position in Washington's defense line. It had cabins for the housing of the militia as well as for the protection of neighboring families during times of trouble; a palisade surrounding an unusually large area (which was, in effect, the fort proper); four blockhouses at the corners and a heavily fortified west-facing gatehouse; and the usual outbuildings characteristic of a military fort of the day--stables, powder magazine, a captain's quarters, and a headquarters or commissary cabin. The great surrounding forests had contributed to the fort's strength, too. A notation on the map says that it was constructed of puncheon timbers--that is, logs squared on one side--six to ten inches across. The cabins and other buildings used logs squared on all sides. And heavy wooden shutters could be closed across the windows of the cabins.

Judging from the map--which bears a helpful scale of inches-to-feet insert--the palisade surrounded an area about 175 or 240 feet, and was just southwest of the site of a later church and graveyard. There is no date on the map, but we do learn that at the time depicted it boasted a garrison of 24 males, 32 females, 18 blacks, 30 officers and men, two swivels (or light artillery pieces), but no cannon (larger ones). And we know, too, that the map was drawn sometime after the French and Indian War, for there is a final notation, "No savages in region." In fact, it would have most likely been after the Revolution, for the area was not immune from raids during the war years.

It was but a mile and a half from that rugged area on the South Branch known as The Trough, a favorite gathering place of Indian forces in frontier days and a popular fishing and water-port site in later days. But what went on there two centuries and a half ago was in no way sporting. The Battle of the Trough--in that same year of 1756--is still remembered as one of the bloodiest confrontations of the time. In another instance, those within the fort watched as a score of settlers were wiped out by an enemy force four or five times as large. Where there is battle, there is confusion; and where there is confusion, there are rumors. Some have persisted to the present day, including charges of cowardice against the fort's commander in refusing to go to the aid of the settlers, and difficult-to-believe accusations of aloofness in his refusing shelter to the few who were trying to escape.

Yes, the map awakens memories, and not all of them "Pleasant"

MEMORIES OF ALUM BRIDGE

by John Plunkett
Alliance, Ohio

Editor's Note: This poem was given to me by Annie Shearer of Crooked Run. John Plunkett sent this poem to her husband many years ago. It's an example of a way old poetry can help with our research.

How clear in my mind, are the days of my boyhood,
roaming the hills and enjoying the view. Since then I have
wandered in far distant places and all but the memory of my
boyhood is through.

I attended school at Crooked Run, and always had a lot
of fun, the teacher made me toe the mark, yet I was always
ready for some foolish prank or lark.

I learned to read and write and cipher too, and read
good books both old and new.

But I enjoyed most of all, the literary meetings in the
fall. I liked to recite, and get in a debate about the war
and affairs of state.

When the meeting closed it was quite a lark, to walk
some girl home after dark.

I always enjoyed that little chore when Grandma sent me
to the store. There were three stores in Alum Bridge and I
would take off across the ridge. The one where I always ran
a bill, was operated by Herman Will.

Sometimes I would walk up Alum Fork and chat awhile
with Uncle Charlie Stark.

When passing by I would always stop at Kasper Allman's
blacksmith shop. I liked to hear the anvil ring, and
sometimes hear old Kasper sing. Another place I always got
a thrill, was at Billy Woofter's flour mill.

Those men are gone, soon I'll go to, so I will say
goodbye to you. But before I die, I would like to try to
stand again upon the ridge and look once more on Alum
Bridge.

CONLEY'S BARBER SHOP
by Jean Conley Turner



Ernest G. Conley of Conley's Barber Shop

Many years ago, without the benefit of modern vocational training or a formal education, a young man started "Conley's Barber Shop" in a small mountain town. This young man had a desire, made a decision for a better life and was dedicated to succeed in his business endeavor. He wanted to meet people, work indoors and wear nice dress clothes. He knew there were other ways to make a living other than farming.

In 1911 an elderly friend, Perry Butcher, who owned a grocery store in Jordanville made a seven foot square room on the front porch which served as the principle home for this new business. A 2X4 foot post which helped to hold the roof up was painted red, white and blue to indicate the sabers business was located there also.

Ernest G. Conley, owner of the new business, bought a barber chair from Macquires Supply House in Pittsburgh for \$15.00. It was a second hand, three legged wooden one. He purchased clippers, razors, scissors, combs and other tools of the trade for \$35.00.

Through the years many customers frequented the barber shop and in 1914 Mr. Conley moved his business to 104 E. First Street in Weston. He bought the shop from George Kitson. His mother, Flora Butcher Conley, and Dr. Matthew S. Holt co-signed for a loan so he could continue his profession as "an expert in the treatment of hair, dandruff and scalp."

In 1929 or 1930 the barber shop was moved to 116 Main Avenue in Weston where it was a local landmark and meeting place over the years. It was the most unique barber shop around--both the barber and the furniture were "antiques."

Nothing ever changed--even after the Spring painting was completed the same pictures were hung up in the same spaces.

Through the years many barbers worked for Mr. Conley including his brother June. Others were Charles Selmon, Earl Coston, Mack McCracken, Tom Monday, Grant Boyer, Shorty Frame, Cleat Snyder, Duane Bean, and Mr. Conley's son, Robert.

Often, there were hilarious moments in the day as well as sad ones, especially when a dear friend or customer was very ill and threats of death darkened the town.

The barber shop also served as the local "Gallup Poll" headquarters since politics, both local and national, were often discussed.

Illegal business was never conducted there but the barber shop was a place where good friends were often offered a little "stimulant" for their aches and pains. Southern hospitality was always there.

July 4, 1976, was Mr. Conley's 81st birthday and while everyone else was busy putting up red, white and blue decorations, Mr. Conley took down the red, white and blue barber pole which is symbolic of the barber profession. The building was sold and a new business would soon occupy it.

To take the white barber coat off, lay down the scissors and leave his many friends was a traumatic experience for Mr. Conley. However, life must go on and he was thankful for good health, many friends and pleasant memories. Even though his fingers are crippled with arthritis, maybe someday the old barber will pick up the scissors again and spin a few tales of the past for you.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Conley died 3 Mar 1989 Weston and is buried in Butcher Cemetery at Butchersville.

HELP AVAILABLE IN GERMANY

While the following is not an endorsement, we pass it along for your information. HCPD recently received a letter from Hans-Joachim Hinners, Wurster Strasse 390b, Bremerhaven, Germany 27580, offering his genealogical service for research in Germany.

He has assembled data from various village church books, consisting of a general area between Cuxhaven, Bremen and the old city of Stade. He says his expertise centers in the northern region of Germany, specifically in the northern sector of the former province of Hannover between the Weser and Elbe rivers, north of Bremen; and, he claims to have extensive data on over forty villages.

He has published an "Ortssippenbuch" (village lineage book) for the village of Misselwarden. Villages with which he is familiar are: Misselwarden, Zeven, Spieka, Bexhovede,

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A BUSH FAMILY FIND
submitted by David Armstrong

Editor's Note: David found the following document in Harrison County Chancery File 17/16 Bush vs Smith. It's particularly interesting in light of information it supplies about the actual date and place of John Bush's death. I transcribed this from the original photocopy which is on file in FA-14B, The Bush Family, in the HCPD Library.

"To the honorable Dabney Carr Judge of the Superior Court of Chancery holden at Clarksburg humbly complaining sheweth unto your honor your orator George Bush, Jacob Bush, James Bush, Edward Sims, Adam O'Brian and Betsey his wife late Betsey Bush, John Sims, Nelson Sims, Mary Sims, Matilda Sims & William Sims infant children of Mary Sims deceased late Mary Sims deceased late Mary Bush - by the said Edward Sims, their father and next friend, which said George Jacob James and Betsey are the only surviving children of John Bush deceased and together with said infant children are the only heirs and legal _____ of the said John Bush deceased. That their ancestor John Bush in the year _____ in his lifetime obtained a resident right for one hundred and ninety five acres of land in Harrison County lying on the _____ that the said John Bush had not resided many years thereon with his family until the Indian war broke out in that and the neighboring settlements and _____ was carried _____ - particularly against the inhabitants of the west fork river where _____ the venerable father, who had passed the age of seventy years at that time resided. The old man had settled himself on a very valuable piece of land on the west bank of the west fork river and Freemans Creek including the mouth of the latter and embracing a scope of 1400 acres his resident and preemption right. The lives of many of his neighbors had been taken by the Indians and his own life and that of his family were in continual jeopardy and those who escaped were _____ every effort to _____ the forces of the settlement and defend their properties. under this state of things the old man proposed to exchange a choice piece of his preemption right on Freemans creek with his son John for his resident right on Buckhannon and urged him to make the exchange by every consideration which could stimulate a son to assist in defending his aged father and the neighboring frontier families from Indian massacre. He yielded to the entreaty of his father & settled without delay by the side of him on the land set apart for him on Freemans creek supposed to contain 150 or 160 acres.. The said John built a cabbin on said land and with his family made a considerable improvement and raised one crop of corn thereon and in every way exercised complete ownership over said land & was proceeding to make further improvements in the spring of 1791 when his family

was attacked by the Indians and he was severely wounded in his cabin, of which wounds he died within a few weeks thereafter your orators further shew that the said John & his father were both extremely ignorant and illiterate men so much so that neither of them could even write his own name and that owing to this circumstance the contract for the exchange of land had not been reduced to writing although possession of each tract was reciprocally given up to the other and the resident right had been assigned by the said John to his Father who received a patent thereon in his own name. Your orator further shew that soon after receiving the wound which was then found to be mortal, the said John complained that no deed had been executed to him for the land he had so dearly paid for & on which he was soon to die & he _____ although he had transferred and conveyed the Buckhannon land to his father. He called his father to his bed & expressed his fears that his children who were all small & helpless might in the event of the old man's death which from his age seemed to be fast approaching might not be able to obtain a title for the land. The old man then declared to his son that he might die satisfied and contended that a deed should be made to the children as soon as he could find anyone able to write it. Your orators further shew that Mary Bush the wife of the said John Bush and mother of his said children died a few years afterward & they were bound out & put to live with their relatives & others until they arrived to maturity, that before the youngest of the children attained the age of twenty one years one of them to wit Mary Sims died leaving the infant children above mentioned the oldest of which is yet of tender years your orators further shew that about one year after the death of the said John Bush his Father George Bush sold to Christian Straley 400 acres of land adjoining the land previously sold to John Bush and executed a deed to said Straley therefor a copy of which _____ is here filed as part of this bill, in which deed the said George Bush expressly recognizes the right of the heirs of said John Bush to the land in controversy, in the following words "poles to a stake on a line of the heirs of John Bush deceased thence by their line north 48 degrees east 100 poles crossing the aforesaid creek to the Beginning" your orators further shew that a certain Adam Hickman finding the heirs as well as their relations extremely ignorant that the old man had become almost childish & had made no conveyance to them prevailed upon him after he had become highly exhillerated with ardent spirits, to sell the land to the said Adam Hickman. the said Adam advising him that he was not bound to make any conveyance to the heirs of John Bush as the contract was not made in writing with the said John and accordingly on the 20th of February 1797 the said George Bush executed a deed to the said Adam for the same land which the said George had previously sold to his son John, and the said George Bush in this deed to Hickman, though he does not expressly state

that the land belonged to the heirs of John Bush deceased as in the Deed to Strayley, yet he says it is "a part of said Bushes preemption right known by the name of John Bushes place" a copy of which deed marked B is here filed and prayed to be taken as part of this bill. your orators further shew that said Hickman afterwards sold said land to a certain John Smith who now resides thereon in Lewis County. your orators therefore charged that the said Hickman and Smith obtained -----

----- their rights, that the said George Bush died a pauper and never at any time made any recompence or remuneration to them for said land. your orator therefore prays the premises considered that the said Adam Hickman and John Smith be made defendants to this bill & compelled to answer the same under the several oaths, particularly that the said Adam state what was the condition of the said George at the time he executed the deed to him for said land and at the time of making the contract was he sober or otherwise and by whose procurement did he become intoxicated that he further answers was he not advised previous to said purchased that the land belonged to said John Bushes heirs, was he not informed that John Bush had lived on the farm and improved it and had been killed thereon by the Indians & that George Bush his father had no equitable right to dispose of said farm to any but the heirs of John Bush, and that the said John Smith state whether he did not know at the time he purchased of Hickman that the land was called John Bushes place, and whether it was not generally known in the country to belong to the heirs of John Bush. your orators pray the premises considered that your honor will decree that said Smith convey to them said 152 acres of land more or less and if they can -----

----- and occupation of the same ----- sums of money as may appear equitable & just and that such other further and general ----- may be granted as appertains to equity and your orator will pray -----

Jono. Jackson"

THE BONNETS - EARLY SETTLERS ON HACKER'S CREEK

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By the beginning of the 16th century, western Christendom was being severely tested. The pope, as the spiritual head, and the Holy Roman Empire, as the secular arm, were being beset by heresies, schisms and, in some instances, secession on a national scale. Their diplomatic interests led to almost constant war.

Religious orders were often relaxed and worldly. Secularization of the Roman Curia, as well as in local churches, had reached a degree which surely would have been denounced as anti-Christian by the early church. The crusades were of the past.

Then, in 1517, in southern Germany, began the scandal which was to rock all of Christendom and initiate the grand schism which would endure, perhaps, as long as humankind. It was the issue of an indulgence, the proceeds of which were to pay for the building of St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome.

Martin Luther, Augustinian and professor of theology at the University of Wittenberg, was outraged. He immediately wrote to his archbishop protesting the language used by the indulgence sellers. The same day, he nailed to the door of his church 95 theses concerning indulgences and offered to dispute them "for the sake of eliciting the truth".

Despite often noted comment to the contrary, Luther's protest was relatively mild. However, a recent product of the Renaissance, Gutenberg's printing press, enabled Luther's writings to be widely distributed.

Luther was excommunicated but, in his own mind, remained a Roman Catholic until his death. But the Reformation had begun. Men began to search their own consciences for the will of God and to reject dogma placed on their tongues by the Church of Rome. Protest, itself, became a church.

It was almost a generation later that a young intellectual named John Calvin was caught up in the Protestant movement in Geneva, Switzerland. It was Calvin's destiny to revitalize the teachings of Luther and to make Geneva, like Wittenberg had been, the center of the new faith. Soon, trained and dedicated pastors emerged from Geneva as Protestant missionaries. To most of Europe they preached, but it was to the citizens of nearby France that most of their firey sermons were directed. It wasn't long before the fires caught and religious fervor began to burn in the breasts of thousands of Frenchmen.

The Roman Church and the Catholic French monarchy did not take kindly to the Religion Pretendue Reformee ("so-called reformed religion") as it was officially designated by the Catholic Church. Civil war ensued in 1562.

The strife continued off and on. Then, on the morning of 24 Aug. 1572, began the slaughter that would become known as "The Massacre of St. Bartholomew's Day". That day, French soldiers, with the sanction of the king and the priests, dragged Protestants, now called Huguenots, from their homes and hacked them to pieces. It is estimated that between 20,00 and 50,000 French men, women and children were murdered that day in the name of the pope.

Again civil war erupted sporadically, until April of 1598, with the promulgation of the Edict of Nantes. The Edict guaranteed the Huguenots political and religious freedom.

For the next four generations, almost a hundred years, French authorities and the Catholic clergy eroded the rights of the Huguenots while paying lipservice to the edict of Nantes. Declarations were issued attacking Protestants in their civil freedom, family life, property rights and their liberty of conscience. Huguenot churches were demolished on any pretense.

Every effort was made to covert the Protestants to Catholicism. In 1681, the system of "dragonnades" was devised. Under that system, soldiers were quartered in Huguenot homes and instructed to use whatever means necessary to effect the conversion of their hosts to the king's religion.

Their efforts were often successful and thousands were converted.

Then, in 1685, Catholic King Louis XIV became convinced that few of his subjects were not good Catholics, and came to the absurd conclusion that the Edict of Nantes was no longer necessary. On Oct. 18, he revoked the Edict and, in so doing, committed the greatest religious and political blunder in the history of France.

In a few short years, over 400,000 Frenchmen deserted the country of their birth in the face of intolerable conditions. Their number included skilled tradesmen, professionals and statesmen. Intelligentsia and peasants alike, gathered their families and, often with only the clothes on their backs, made their ways to the border or to boats waiting at night. To France, the economic loss, alone, was incalculable.

To Switzerland they went, and to Germany, but most went to Protestant England and to the tolerant Netherlands. Some came to the new world, to the West Indies, South Carolina, New York and Boston.

And some descendants whose names became familiar to all succeeding generations of Americans....Paul Revere, Alexander Hamilton, Francis Marion....

THE BONNET FAMILY

An incident in the escape from France of one family named Bonnet is documented.

Monsieur Daniel Bonnet filled the panniers on his donkey with fresh vegetables from the garden. Hidden beneath the vegetables in each pannier was one of his two small children. Then, leading the donkey and accompanied by his wife, Bonnet left his village.

Enroute to their destination, they were confronted by a French soldier on horseback.

"What do you have in your basket?" the soldier inquired.

"Only fresh vegetables for the market," was Bonnet's reply.

The soldier then asked, "Are your carrots tender?"

He must have been suspicious because he then withdrew his sword and thrust it through one of the baskets. As he rode away he wished them "bon voyage".

As soon as the soldier was out of sight, the stricken parents unloaded the pannier to find that their young son had been wounded in the leg and was bleeding profusely.

"I did not cry out, Father" the boy said.

Then he fainted.¹

It is unfortunate that further identity of Monsieur Bonnet of the incident, has been lost to history. A Bonnet family, known to be Huguenots, escaped to Switzerland and a descendant became fairly famous in the scientific world.² A Daniel Bonnet, with his family, escaped to England and subsequently came to America. They arrived at the Port of New York in the winter of 1700 and settled in the area that became New Rochelle, named for a Huguenot city in France. They attended the New York French Church.³ Another Daniel Bonnet and family made their way to Germany.⁴

JEAN JACQUES BONNET

It has been suggested that the French soldier's sword pierced the leg of Jean Jacques Bonnet who brought his family to America from the Palatinate in 1733.⁵

¹Baird, Charles W. History of the Huguenot Emigration to America, Vol. I, New York, Dodd, Mead & Co., 1885, p 57.

²Benton, William (Publisher) Encyclopaedia Britannica Vol. 3, Chicago, 1970, pp 916-916A.

"Charles Bonnet (1720-1793). Swiss naturalist and philosophical writer famous for his discovery of parthenogenesis in aphids, was born at Geneva on March 13, 1720, of a wealthy French family that had been driven into Switzerland by the religious persecution of the 16th century."

³Collections of the Huguenot Society of America, Published by the Society, date unknown, various pages.

⁴Ibid., 1983, p 7.

⁵Ibid.

The Rhine Valley, which forms the Palatinate in southern Germany near the borders of France and Switzerland, has for centuries, been the scene of struggle. Frederick III established Calvinism there, in 1563, and the area soon became a haven for French Huguenots and other Calvinist refugees.

The Thirty Years War (1618-1648) devastated the region. The vicar of a Palatine village, begging for donations from abroad, claimed that food was so scarce that the dead were not safe in their graves.

The year the Edict of Nantes was revoked the Palatine electorate reverted to catholicism. Three years later, the armies of Louis XIV invaded the area and the French committed appalling devastation during the War of the Grande Alliance. In 1697, the elector, John Williams, was forced to impose Catholicism on his subjects.

King Charles II of England had granted to William Penn more than 40,000 square miles of land in America. The grant, made in 1681, was the largest ever made in America to a single individual. Of course, the area became known as Pennsylvania. Penn was made governor of the province which he and his heirs held as proprietaries until the revolution of 1776.

William Penn visited the Rhine provinces to procure settlers for his territory in America. He offered them free land and, although he was a Quaker, religious and civil liberty.

Many of the poor and suffering Palatines accepted his offer. The passage was hard because they were packed densely in the ships. Food and water supplies were meager and disease rampant. The children were the first to be afflicted and they died in large numbers of small-pox, scurvy, typhoid and dysentery.

At the Port of Philadelphia they were required to swear allegiance to the King of England. If they had money for their passage (about \$63.00-\$76.50), they were permitted to disembark. If they didn't, they were held aboard ship until they could strike a deal with merchants who came there for the purpose of procuring indentured servants and who then paid their passage. And, unknowingly, as they left the ship, many left behind the surname of their forefathers, Anglicized and otherwise altered for all time by men who did not speak or understand their language.

The first settlement was Philadelphias Germantown section, but some headed west and settled in the Pennsylvania counties of Lancaster and York. There, skilled German craftsmen fashioned the Conestoga wagon and the Pennsylvania long rifle, two tools indispensable in the western migration.

The Germans migrated down Virginia's Shenandoah Valley and across the mountains to the west and became assimilated into the society of the vast new land.

Some, however, stayed in Pennsylvania and a few adjoining counties that border it, in the states of

Maryland, Ohio, Virginia and Delaware. They tilled the land and kept the old ways. Sometimes their descendants can still be seen there in the rich farm country, dressed in solemn gray or black and white and driving a horse buggy.

They call themselves "the plain folk". Others refer to them as the quaint "Pennsylvania Dutch".

Jean Jacques Bonnet (1702-?) and his wife, Marie (Anna Marie Desreux), arrived at the Port of Philadelphia on 27 Aug. 1733, aboard the ship Elizabeth from Rotterdam by way of Dover, England. The ship's manifest states that Jean was a farmer and that both he and his wife were 32 years old. They were Huguenots from the Palatinate.

They must have begun their long unpleasant voyage filled with anticipation of their new home across the sea and the freedom they would have to worship as their conscience directed. They were accompanied by their four young children: Margaret, age eight; Susanna, age four; Christina, age two; and Johan, age nine months.

But the sips hold was cramped and disease decimated the little ones. Of the 81 children who started the passage, 16 did not survive. By the time the ship docked, Susanna and Christina Bonnet were dead.⁶

It is tradition that the family first settled in the vicinity of the Philadelphia suburb of Paoli, then only a small outlying village. In 1737, a Jacob Bonnet paid taxes on 400 acres in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. From 1741 to 1753 the Bonnet and Wetzel families lived on adjoining farms in Frederick County, Maryland. Then, crossing the Potomac or the Shenandoah, or both, the two families moved to adjoining farms in Frederick County, Virginia, about 15 miles southwest of Winchester.⁷

Nothing further is known of Jean Jacques Bonnet and his wife, Marie except the following children were born to them:

Margaret Catherine B. 25 May 1725 M. to John C. Stickles
D. 1790

Susanna Magdalena B. 11 June 1729 D. 1733

Christina B. 29 June 1730 D. 1733

Johan Simon B. 1 Apr 1733 M. 22 Apr 1755 to
Mary D. Bickley D. Aug 1793

⁶Strassburger, Ralph Beaver Pennsylvania German Pioneers Vol. I, Norristown, PA, Published by the Pennsylvania German Society, 1934, pp 765-767.

⁷Bonnett, Howard T. The Bonnet-t-e's and Kin Newsletter, Published by the author, Vol. 3, p 45, Dec. 1975.

Samuel	B. c1734 D. June 1805	M. Mary Elizabeth?
Mary	B. 1735 D. June 1805	M. 1756 to John Wetzel ⁸ to John Wetzel*
Lewis ⁹	B. 1737 D. 9 Mar 1808	M. Elizabeth Waggoner

The eldest son, Johan Simon, remained in the vicinity of Paoli. He married, raised his family and died there.

It has been suggested that the second son, Samuel, at some time in their westward migration, assumed responsibility for the family.

SAMUEL BONNET

Samuel Bonnet (ca 1734-1789), son of Jean Jacques Bonnet, the Huguenot immigrant, was born in Pennsylvania. his first documented place of residence as an adult is on Cedar Creek in Frederick County, Virginia. his twin sons, Jacob and Lewis, were born there in 1761 or 1762.¹⁰ His wife was Mary Elizabeth but her family name is unknown.

The first census of the United States, 1784¹¹, finds Samuel the head of a family of ten "white souls" in Hampshire County, Virginia on the South Branch of the Potomac¹². Those "white souls" included the following children:

⁸Allman, C. B. Lewis Wetzel, Indian Fighter, Old Greenwich, Conn., The Devin-Adair Co., 1977, p 3.

John Wetzel and his wife, the former Mary Bonnet, were the parents of Lewis Wetzel, famed border scout, for whom a county in West Virginia is named.

⁹Lewis Bonnet was one of the Virginia Rangers that fought with Washington in the Braddock campaign.

¹⁰United States Jacob Bonnet's Application for a Veteran's Pension, Revolutionary War, Military Service Records. Washington, D.C., National Archives.

¹¹The first U.S. Census was conducted in 1790. However, the records of that census for the State of Virginia and several other states were destroyed during the British attack on Washington, D.C., in the War of 1812. The schedules for Virginia were reconstructed from tax lists, etc.

¹²United States Bureau of the Census. Population Schedules of the First Census of the United States, 1790, Virginia, (Reconstructed from state enumerations.), Washington, D.C., National Archives.

Henry	B.	M. Elizabeth Lorentz
	D.	Inventory 11 Oct. 1799
John	B.	
	D.	Sep 1783 (1787) Killed by Indians
Jacob	B.	c1761 (twin) M. 6 Mar 1791
	D.	Dec 1847 Martha Hughes
Lewis	B.	c1761 (twin) M. 5 Apr 1804
	D.	7 Jan 1850 Mary Linger
Peter	B.	1764 M. 4 Apr 1806
	D.	1836 Margaret Linger
Samuel	B.	4 Apr 1770 M. 5 Apr 1796
	D.	25 Jan 1849 Martha Ratcliff
Phillip	B.	c1775 M. 26 Feb 1812
	D.	26 Mar 1860 Sarah Linger
Mary	B.	M. 18 June 1793
	D.	Peter Flesher

In 1785, Samuel and his family were residents on Hacker's Creek¹³ and the next year he was granted 400 acres on that stream.

The worldly effects of Samuel Bonnet, deceased, were inventoried 17 Dec 1789¹⁴. It is family tradition that he was killed by a falling tree¹⁵.

Less than two months later, on St. Valentine's Day. Samuel's widow, Elizabeth, married John Mack¹⁶.

Mack, another settler on Hacker's Creek, was away from home on 22 Sept. 1789, the day Indians murdered two of his children, killed his cattle and burned his residence to the ground. His wife was tomahawked and scalped and left for dead. She lingered a few days, gave birth to a child, and died¹⁷.

Author's Note: "I am a native of Salem in Harrison County and I descend from Samuel Bonnet through his son, Samuel, who married Martha Ratcliff. Both Samuel and his wife, Martha, are buried in the Old Harmony Cemetery on Hacker's Creek - Edward N. "Bud" Casey"

¹³Haymond, Henry History of Harrison County (W.Va.), Morgantown, WV, Acme Publishing Co., 1910, p 274.

¹⁴Harrison County, West Virginia Vital Records, Inventory of Samuel Bonnet (deceased), County Court, Clarksburg, WV.

¹⁵It is a grim coincidence that Paul Finster of Lewis County, a great-great-great grandson of Samuel Bonnet, was also killed by a falling tree almost 150 years later and less than ten miles from Hacker's Creek.

¹⁶Haymond, p 449.

¹⁷Ibid. pp 109, 111.

ROBERT McCRAY - JAMES McCALLY
by Richard McCaulley

When Robert McCray enrolled at New Jersey University (120 years later the school would be renamed Princeton University), he had no idea that this school of higher learning, in a sleepy little village, was such a hot bed of revolutionists. An abnormally large number of the leaders in the movement to break the ties with England came from this school. James Madison, two signers of The Declaration of Independence Richard Stockton and John Witherspoon, at the First Continental Congress one out of every six delegates had attended New Jersey University.

Yet, in this atmosphere of revolution, when the hostilities began in the colonies Robert McCray left this safe haven to follow his loyal ties to England and to the King and enlisted in the Queen's Rangers of the British Army. He was immediately commissioned a First Lieutenant, with all of the duties and responsibilities that went with the position.

It was while performing these duties that Lt. Robert McCray received a terrible chest wound. That he survived was a miracle. He required major chest surgery, including the removal of the left breastbone. Being no longer fit for combat McCray was given administrative duties until his military obligations were fulfilled.

Records do not indicate who the surgeon was that performed this operation and restored Robert McCray back to health. However, one of the surgeons assigned to the Queen's Rangers at this time was Major James McCally.

It is documented the Robert McCray accompanied the Bennetts and James McCally to the Hacker's Creek area in 1800. He later married one of Rebecca McCally Bennett's daughters. It is also told that Lt. McCray served under the command of James McCally and was completely loyal to him.

To believe that James McCally was the surgeon that operated on Robert McCray is only speculation. But James McCally was a surgeon assigned to the Queen's Ranges at that time and that would explain Robert McCray's devotion to James McCally.

1994 NATIONAL CONFERENCE, PALATINES TO AMERICA

The 1994 National Conference, Palatines to America, will be held in Morgantown, West Virginia, at the Towers Conference Center, West Virginia University. Dates are June 16, 17, and 18, 1994. This organization's purpose is to assist those researching German ancestry. Check 'em out!!

A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE LIFE OF LUCY VELMA BRAKE STINARD

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Editor's Note: Genealogy researchers have discovered that, in times past, families unrelated to each other often joined together and created new family units. (Contemporary sociologists call these "blended families.") Sometimes a common immigration experience, a death in one family, special bonds of friendship, or the need to pool economic resources prompted our ancestors to join forces with others. Long before professional social work, before legal adoption and the fostering system, American families made informal arrangements to meet their needs and to care for each other.

The following article tells the story of one such blended family, in which Virginia Pearl Brake (1883-1970) and her young daughter, Lucy Velma Brake [Stinard] (b. 1904) became a part of the Hartzell family. Lucy provided the information for this article and her Hartzell niece, Marlyn Hartzell Dalsimer, wrote it.

The Brake family descent of this branch of the family is: Johann Jacob Brake (1); John Jacob Brake (2); John Brake (3); Jacob Brake (4); Leonard J. Brake (5); Jerome Lorenzo Dow Brake (6); Virginia Pearl Brake (7); Lucy Velma Brake (8). MHD

Virginia Pearl Brake was born 31 Aug. 1883, the youngest child (of seven) of Jerome L.D. Brake (1846-1937) and Martha Garland Hodges (1849-1899), who probably lived in Upshur County, W.Va. at the time. Virginia's mother died when her daughter was sixteen years old. Virginia Pearl Brake attended the common schools of her rural W.Va. county. On 9 Jan 1904, she gave birth to a daughter whom she named Lucy Velma Brake. At the time of Lucy's birth, Virginia was living with her brother, Granville Jackson Brake (1871-1954), and his family in Marshall County, W.Va. Showing her characteristic streak of pride and independence, she decided not to marry the father of her child, A.J. Pickering.

In the immediate vicinity lived the young family of James Vincent and Matilda (McGary) Hartzell. Virginia Pearl Brake became acquainted with them, and when the Hartzells decided to move to Ohio in 1906, she had her two-year old daughter, Lucy, moved with them. Thereafter, they made a common household. Virginia Brake became a second mother to the (eventually nine) Hartzell children and Lucy became their sister. When James Vincent Hartzell died young, his widow and Virginia Pearl Brake (called, respectively, "Granny" and "BeeBee" in the family) ran the farm and completed the work of raising the large family. Granny and BeeBee lived together for sixty-four years, until their deaths. They became the matriarchs of a large and adoring

family. Lucy Velma Brake, therefore, assumed her place among the children, with four older siblings and five younger ones. Her life has been informed by four major foundations: education, church, quilting, and, of course, family.

EDUCATION

Lucy attended one-room schools in rural Ohio until she entered high school. From early childhood she showed a quick intelligence and a love of learning. She remembers vividly one event which happened when she was seven years old:

[A neighbor] gave me a nickel for bringing her turkeys home. I was so tickled to have that nickel. I had to cross a gate on the way home. I climbed over the gate and as I hit the ground I dropped my nickel. It was dark and I couldn't find it. So, I went to the post where the gate was fastened: I counted my steps this way; I counted my steps that way. Then I ran home. The next morning I went right back, counted my steps, and picked up my nickel. BeeBee always laughed about that."

Another story shows her precocity:

Granny sent me down to Harperville to get a pound of lard. Oh, I'll never forget this. It had gone up a penny. Everything was in pennies and I had just the exact amount to pay the storekeeper. So when I went in, I saw the sign: "lard at such and such a price a pound." When he asked me what I wanted, I said, "I only want 15 ounces. I can only buy 15 ounces 'cause I'm short a penny." And he told Granny about it later; he said, "I just thought I'd split." So Granny said to him, "I owe you another penny." And he said, "No, that was the best lesson I every got!"

Even as a child, Lucy was "bound and determined" to become either a nurse or a teacher. The family, however, did not have much money; there was pressure to finish school early and go to work. Between eighth and ninth grade, Lucy worked as a clerk in a grocery store in a nearby village and was offered a permanent job. But she persevered in her goals and passed the examination to go to high school. From the farm on Briar Ridge, Jefferson County, Ohio, she walked five miles to get to high school. After one year of walking alone, her sister Gladys joined her. Their parents arranged for them to board with loval families in the village of Smithfield, Ohio, making the trip back and forth from the farm in a horse and buggy on Monday mornings and Friday evenings. This arrangement, however, presented its own problems, because sometimes the horse ran away with them. Once the horse got stuck in the ice at a crik-crossing and had to be coaxed out by a local farmer waving a corn cob in

its face. Every day at at noon, the sisters excused themselves from school to go to the stable to feed the animals.

When she was in the eleventh grade, Lucy was invited by the high school administrators to take an evening "normal school" class offered by a college professor. This college curriculum began her preparation for a teaching career. During the summer between her junior and senior years of high school, Lucy traveled to Ohio University at Athens, Ohio with her elder sister Esta, where they both took additional education courses. Lucy got the opportunity to go because Granny wouldn't let Esta go unaccompanied. However, Esta got homesick and left early; Lucy, age 16, stayed and finished the course, supporting herself by doing live-in babysitting for a local family and peeling potatoes in the college cafeteria. Because of her excellent grades (never lower than 96), Lucy left high school early (missing final exams, the prom, and graduation ceremonies), and traveled to Kent State University, where, in spring/summer 1923, she completed teacher certification in 18 weeks and qualified to enter the profession. The family paid for some of her college tuition by selling a calf which Lucy had raised on the farm.

Lucy taught school for one year, then married (1924) and took a temporary pause in her career to raise her children. Of her marriage, she commented: "We eloped, but we'd been sweethearts since fourth grade!" She and her childhood admirer, Carl Stinard, passed notes to each other with the aid and encouragement of her brother, John. Lucy returned to teaching in 1937 and retired in 1970. [Marlyn: "My Aunt Lucy was my third grade teacher and a "natural in the classroom. She gave up patience, confidence and love. She also drilled us in our multiplication tables; I'll never forget them!"] In the course of her career Lucy taught all eight grades at one time or another. In the 1960's she returned to Ohio University for training in "special education" and began the first such classes in the Smithfield, Ohio school system. The textbook publisher, Scott Foresman, awarded her a prize for giving suggestions on how to adapt their textbooks for poor rural children. She had spontaneously contacted the publisher to point out that there were no black children in her texts; the pictures of Daddy with a briefcase and Mommy as a clubwoman were not appropriate for her pupils. A representative of the publishing company visited her classroom and observed her teaching. Scott Foresman incorporated some of her lessons and teaching techniques (e.g., learning math measurements by planning how to fence a garden and plant rows) into subsequent texts. In 1987, the Smithfield High School Alumni Association honored Lucy's long professional career by awarding her the Mary Sutherland Service Award. Commenting on her teaching career, Lucy said recently: "How did we do it! Here I was teaching school, teaching Sunday School, baking bread, and washing clothes at home. We

teachers never had a coffee break in our lives! We made all the children's costumes for their pageants. People still come up to me and give me hugs, thanking me for their education."

RELIGION

Although Lucy attended Presbyterian Sunday School with the Hartzell children, she was introduced to the Society of Friends (Quakers) while boarding with a Smithfield, Ohio family during high school. She admired their simple services and quiet faith; she attended Quaker revivals, and joined the church. She has been active in her congregation for sixty years, and has served on virtually every church committee and as both a Sunday School teacher and daily vacation bible School teacher for many years. She wrote programs for the Ladies Missionary Society, which the church published. For many years Lucy represented her congregation at Quarterly Meetings (district level) and at Yearly Meetings (state level) where she made many lifelong friends in the faith. In 1992, the Outreach Committee of her congregation meets in her home so that it can have the benefit of her long experience in church matters. She tithes, as it is the custom in the church. For the Mother's Day service, 1991, her pastor asked Lucy to deliver a message to the congregation. Her words convey her deep, abiding faith and knowledge of the Bible:

I'm sure the scripture that I'm going to use this morning is very familiar to every one of you. It's a verse I adopted many years ago to train my own family. Proverbs 22, verse 6 says: "train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Since this is Mothers' Day, let's apply it to mothers. I know you have all discovered this verse and have used it or you would not be here today. So I'm only encouraging you to continue on in your efforts because god has promised us an answer to our prayers when he says the child will not depart from his training when he is old. But I know the world "train" goes beyond "to teach", at least to me. For Jesus in the New testament tells us to go and teach all issues. This verse says to train up the child in the Bible and we learn two ways.

The broad way is down to destruction.

The narrow way is up to heaven and eternal life.

So let's remember to always teach up. We are to start training young. How are we to train the child in the way he should go? We know it's up, as God says--a more excellent way.

Let's look at some Christian virtues that a child should be taught: LOVE, FORGIVENESS, KINDNESS, HELPFULNESS, AND JUST A GOOD CHRISTIAN LIFE, AND ABOVE ALL TO LOVE GOD.

God goes on to say that when the child is old, he will not depart from our teaching. Isn't that a great promise?

I think this happens with the children; as they get older, they turn back to the ways of the mothers teaching.

Now we have become very confident of physical fitness and higher education which is good for our children as well as for ourselves, but have we forgotten the spiritual side of our children, teaching them in the ways of the Lord?

Our church is doing great things with our training of the children in the ways of life. If our nation had been faithful in the training of all our children in the ways of the Lord, we would be building churches today instead of prisons. Remember when God wanted a leader for the Israelites out of Egypt? He planned on saving Moses from being killed. And remember how He gave Moses back to his mother to be trained in the ways of the Lord.

Another example is when Paul said to Timothy, a young minister who was starting out, "When I call to remembrance the unquenched faith of your grandmother Lois and also of your mother Eunice, I am persuaded that it is in you also." Amen.

QUILTING

Besides education and church, another thread stitched into Lucy's life is her great interest in handicrafts, particularly quilting. She learned to crochet, tat, and knit at a young age by standing behind her mother, watching as she worked. BeeBee and Granny always had a quilt in the frame at the farmhouse. In high school Lucy crocheted and tatted yokes and edgings for dresses, nightgowns, and slips and sold these. As a young mother Lucy did not have much time to sew, and she "had no girls to practice on." (Her only daughter died at age five months in 1928 of spinal meningitis.) Yet, Lucy maintained her interest in crafts and put her skills to good use in her classrooms. In 1970, two events--her mother's death and her retirement from teaching--coincided, and caused her to cast about for a new project to keep up her spirits. Lucy devised a method for making "puff quilts" on the sewing machine and built up a quilting business. It seemed that everybody in the county wanted one of her quilts. For example, local women sent Lucy's quilts to their sons in the armed forces; the orders came faster than one person could handle. So Lucy decided to turn her patterns and techniques over to the Ladies Missionary Society of her church for use as a fundraiser project. Many people urged her to patent her techniques, but she decided against it, choosing instead to make this contribution to her church's work. In 1971 Lucy entered a competition sponsored by Kaufman's department store in Pittsburgh, Pa., for designing a quilt made with their line of Springmaid sheets. She won First Prize and had the fun of watching her neighbors ogle when a large Kaufman's delivery truck pulled up outside her home to return her quilt and deliver her prize.

Lucy's eyesight is not strong now and she misses her quilting, but characteristically, she has taken up a new project: on her taperecorder she listens to talking books and also dictates her own stories, especially Bible stories for children. Her mind is always active, thinking of ways to be involved and to make a contribution to her community. She has frequent daily visitors, many of them relatives and friends, especially younger people, who look to her for her wisdom, faith, and guidance. One young woman wrote the following tribute to Lucy in 1992.

MISS LUCY

What a Lady!

I've known her a long time, but I had the privilege to really get close to her after coming here to live. It began by reading and sharing our Sunday School lesson. She would always thank me; I would have to remind her it was I who was grateful to have such a knowledgeable friend to talk to.

You see, she not only talked Bible, she talked about her life and her concerns for others. She continues to worry because she can't see, but she accomplishes more through her prayers and concerns for others right from her trailer.

A witness to this is the steady flow of people who visit her daily. She uplifts everyone and at the same time has a way of telling you if she thinks you are wrong. She sits in her trailer being more involved in ministry and witnessing to others than most people with sight who can go tell others about Jesus first-hand!

Little by little she shared parts of her life with me. She told me about her husband and how she stuck by him through the roughest times in her life, even though there were others who sometimes did not understand why.

But, you see, this lady of great faith was waiting for a miracle: something that people nowadays find so hard to do. It is easier to give up, but this lady stuck in there.

Her boys and her family mean so much to her. She talks about them all the time, and the fact that they are always there for her is another tribute to her. She told me about how, every Mother's Day, they surprise her by showing up for church unexpectedly. They couldn't do anything that would have made her happier or prouder.

She and I discussed death and funerals. This seemed such a natural part of life. She is ready to meet the Lord, not that she wants to give up or leave. Her family is here, but whatever the Lord has planned for her, she is ready.

She says that in knowing she would be going to heaven, it is really a time of celebration because Eternity is so much longer than anything we can imagine, and besides, she has a little girl waiting for her there.

A time came when this lady was very sick and as I prayed for her, these things came to my mind and I had to write them down because Lucy has been such a friend to me.

I think of all the people who passed through her life, all the people who have spent time with her and have known her longer than I have and I can't help but think --if she could influence my life so much in such a short time--how much more she must mean to others who have spent so much more time with her.

Lucy will remain a positive influence on us all. May God continue to work through her.

Respectfully and with love, Jazque Martin

FAMILY

Because she grew up in Ohio, at some distance from her West Virginia Brake relatives, Lucy did not get as well acquainted with her Brake family as she would have liked. She knew her grandfather, Jerome L.D. Brake, who visited his granddaughter and daughter at the Hartzell farm on many occasions, often sharing money with them from his military pension. Lucy also developed friendships with several Brake aunts, uncles and cousins. In 1909 Lucy (age 5) and her mother (BeeBee) made a memorable journey to Stonington, Colorado, to visit BeeBee's sister Ollie Bell Brake (1881-1948) and her husband, Clay Wilson, and sons Maine Havana, and Alvie D.¹⁸ Lucy remembers this visit to the western frontier.

I loved the train ride. From the coach I saw a big giant jackrabbit and lots of buffaloes. At one stop a man and woman got on carrying a little white casket which they held on their laps. I remember the lady's tears. Uncle Clay and cousin Maine met us at Stonington, a small jumping-off place and we rode in a wagon for a long time. We saw a lantern on a post and Maine said, "We're home." I kept asking, "Where's the house?" It was only a basement at that time. We all slept, ate, played and talked in this one room which was curtained off into smaller rooms. The structure had regular basement windows and a coal stove, but we didn't burn coal--we burned buffalo chips! All the kids would pile into the wagon and go chip gathering. If we weren't careful we would get into a soft one! But we always came home with a wagonload of fuel.

Uncle Clay had to haul water, so he put barrels in the wagon, and with the kids, we all went to a great big windmill that drew up the water. So we really had a very

¹⁸Four more sons were born to this Brake/Wilson family: Harland Milford, Leonard Carr, Linn Fay, and Clarke Anderson. Linda Brake Myers' history of the West Virginia Brakes will have fuller details on this and related families.

active life. I loved it. Maine and I would go down the road to a neighbor's house for buttermilk and butter, as Aunt Ollie didn't churn. She had a couple of cows, but it seemed like she used buttermilk in everything. Uncle Clay had built a windbreaker, as he had no barn yet. It was built in the shape of a cross. We tended the cows and horses and knew which way the wind was blowing by watching the windbreaker. This also told us where it was safe to play. For days we played outside with the tumbleweed. We tied strings on them and the wind would roll them along, pulling us with them. It was Christmastime and I got a homemade rag doll from BeeBee. I loved it and I guess I wore it out.

I don't remember anything about the trip back to Ohio; I wanted to stay in Colorado, and Aunt Ollie wanted me too (she had no daughters), but BeeBee wouldn't hear of it. Maine and I kept touch even after we each married and he passed on."

Besides these Brake/Wilson relatives, Lucy knew her Aunt Julia Ellen Brake {Stump} (1879-1970) and many Brake cousins.

Lucy's life has been especially enriched by four wonderful sons: David, Kenneth, Ralph and Roger. From their father, Carl Emmet Stinard (1902-1981), the sons inherited a strong interest in machinery and mechanics; three sons drove trucks for a good part of their working lives. Roger, the youngest, served as a career officer for the Ohio State Patrol. (Lucy said: "I was forever having to make paper badges to pin on his shirt when he was a boy.") Although all the Stinard sons are now supposedly retired, they, like their mother, have a hard time sitting still. After his retirement from Weirton Steel, Kenneth bought a long-distance truck for part-time steel hauling. Ralph was an independent trucker; he has "retired" twice and presently owns a heavy-equipment rental company. Roger now heads the maintenance department of a retirement center near Pheonix, Arizona. After his 1943 high school graduation, David served with the U.S. Navy in the Pacific, including Australia and the Philippines. Kenneth joined the Air Corps after World War II and was stationed in the Philippines. Roger served in Korea with the U.S. Army. All four sons married. Today Lucy enjoys the love and adoration of ten grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren, many of whom live in Jerfferson County, Ohio and visit her frequently.

In addition to her descendants, Lucy, of course, also has a passle of devoted Hartzell relatives who claim her as their own. In their older years, she and her siblings have become very close--visiting, phoning, and sending gifts back and forth. A few years ago Lucy was knocked to the ground by a heavy spring on her front door and broke her hip. It was a bad accident, requiring surgery and several months of painful physical therapy. During that crisis her "younger" brothers and sisters (in the seventies) descended upon her

and gave her no peace until she agreed to work hard for her rehabilitation: "No Lucy, you can just set here and feel sorry for yourself; or you can show intestinal fortitude and decide you'll walk again." What choice did Lucy have?! She couldn't let her family down after such an outpouring of anxious love and concern. So she gave her recovery the same dedication she has given to every other undertaking in her life. She is now fully recovered and walks without a cane. She is 89 years old and in good health, except for her poor eyesight.

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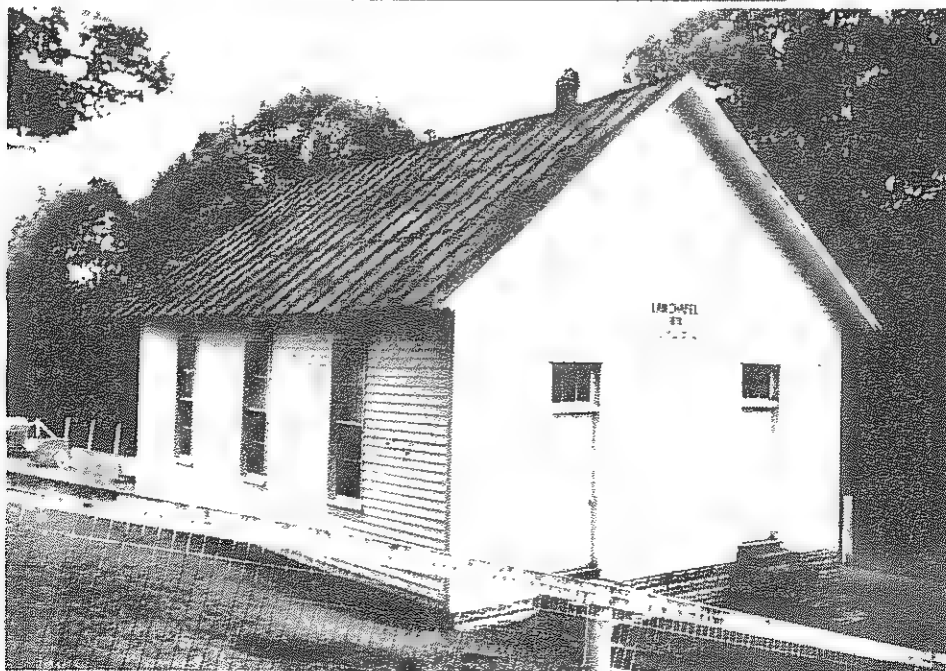
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THE AULD GUN

by

Judith McWhorter Goodwin

The Revolutionary War Rifle, and McWhorter Shot Pouch pictured facing page 457 in Border Settlers of Northwestern Virginia, by Lucullus Virgil McWhorter, are presently owned by Lucullus Virgil's grandson, Richard James McWhorter, my brother. Recently, he and I together were examining the rifle which is in excellent condition. The McWhorter Shot Pouch is wrapped in a package, labeled as such, and dated 1945, where it was stored following our grandfather's death in 1944.

Dick also showed me a scrap of paper on which was written in pencil the following quaint notation presented just as it is written:

First, in L.V. McWhorter's hand, "History of Reger flint lock rifle, March 3-1907. Written by request. (Signed,) L.V. McW)"; then:

"As consurning the auld gun I got an aiuld gun ave a man By the name ove Zickpoose he got it ove aman By the name ove Isaac Pringle he got it ove a Cutrite he got it of another Cutrite he got it ove the auld Rigers I think his name was Anthony Regir. I traided the gun to Osker Brisus he traided it to a Runners he traided it to W.M. Alderman You no the rist

Truly yours

W Va" Answer soon my Postoffice is Adolph Randolph Co.

(Signed) J. W. Brake

Edited this explicit bit of information might read:

" HISTORY OF THE REGER FLINTLOCK RIFLE

Written by Request, March 3, 1907 (signed LVMcW)

As concerning the old gun, I got an old gun of a man by the name of Zickapoose. He got it of a man by the name of Isaac Pringle. He got it of a Cutrite. He got it of another Cutrite. He got it of the oldest Reger. I think his name

was Anthony Reger. I traded the gun to Osker Brisus. He traded it to a Runners. He traded it to W. M. Alderman. You know the rest.

Truly yours,

/s/ J. W. Brake

Answer soon. My Postoffice is Adolph, Randolph Co., W. Va."

My Grandfather states on Page 457 of BORDER SETTLERS of this gun: "....it was in service during the Revolution and the troublous period on the Virginia border, immediately following. It is reputed to have killed the last Indian slain in the Buckhannon settlement, near the mouth of Fink's Run".

Now which one of the nine owners this note identifies do you suppose owned it when this Indian was killed?



Margaret Fitzpatrick, Josephine
Basley & Nancy Sordano
keep digging, gals!

History of Rye's Foot Lock
 rifle. — ~~March 3-~~ March 3- 1907
 written by Rupert L. Baker
 As I could not find any
 the oldest Rye's
 I got an old gun
 and a man by the name
 of Rye's. He told me
 that it was
 by the name of
 Rye's. He got it
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 A. L. Rye's
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 J. O. Baker

QUERIES

1. Seek pars of Hannah (JONES) MC WHORTER and Martha Ann (HOLBERT) NUTTER. Marjorie (HARDEN) HARDMAN, Box 667 Cross City, FL 32628-0667

Editor's Note: Marjorie, if you don't hear from someone send us more details (dates, names of spouse, etc.) and perhaps we can help you. The volunteers don't have time to do lots of "digging" but maybe we could find this with just a bit more info from you.

2. Seek in on John BURK, Sr., a British soldier in the Revolution and his family. He lived in Virginia (possibly Bath Co). Did he have any daughters? Son, John BURK, Jr., b ca 1805, moved to Gilmer Co; grandson, Archibald BURK, m Malinda MOYERS. Toni TOWNSEND, 79 Ferris Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

3. Searching for in on Michael CARROLL, b 1820/Ireland, d 1880/Braxton Co, WV, m Elizabeth BROCK in 1847/Nicholas Co, (W)V. Their son Phillip m Rebecca DAVIS, d/o William A. and Hannah (STEEL) DAVIS. Need info on pars of William A. DAVIS and Hannah STEEL. John STEEL witnessed the mar Braxton County. Sandra L. McSPADDEN, 1433 Sandra Dr, Ft. Myers, FL, 33901

4. Would like to contact desc of the following: Octavianus ADAMS, b 1849/Ritchie Co, and Delilah (CASTOLO) ADAMS, b 1846/VA. Children: Hiram Walter, b 4 Mar 1869; L. J., b 1873; Alvin J., 10 Apr 1874; Oliver M., b 20 Mar 1877; Rosa L., b 1879; Arena I., b 14 Mar 1871; Octavianus, Jr., b 20 Aug 1887, d 11 Oct 1932.

Octavianus and Delilah had a total of 9 children, so we do not have all of them. Delilah m/2 Peter SIX in 1906.

Also seek desc of Hiram Walter ADAMS, b 1870 in Doddridge or Ritchie Co, d 30 Jan 1953, and his wife, Tempa (COMBS) ADAMS, b Jul 1884. They m 24 May 1900/Lee Co, KY. Their children: Gladys, b 1902; Audra, b 1907; Ruby, b 1911; Opal, b 1915; Ercel, b 1917, and Walter, Jr., b 13 Sep 1922. Walter, Jr.'s birth certificated filed 6 Mar 1941. Mattie (ADAMS) JUSTICE, PO Box 2230, Pikeville, KY 41502

5. Need help in finding pars and immigrant ancestors of Philip McNEMAR, b 13 Nov 1815 in Virginia (WV). US Census 1850-60-70 & 80 showed both pars born in Virginia. Married 5 Jun 1845 in Vigo, IN, to Ann Hill GREER, a widow with one child. They returned to Perry Co, PA, and lived in Centre Twp where they had seven children: Phillip, John M., Charles, Adda D., Letty Elizabeth, Annie Ellen, and Nora. Philip d 5 Oct

1896/Philadelphia, PA. Philip McNemar was in Vigo, IN[<] in 1845, age 30. How did he get there, alone or with family? Research of counties around Vigo both in Indiana and Illinois shows McNEMARS there but none w/ties to Philip. He prob left VA alone, and travelled along the Cumberland Road and National Pike to the Indiana/Illinois border at the Vigo area. J. Harold WAGNER, 416 Coolidge Dr, Centerport, NY 11721-1206.

Editor's Note: Could he be the s/o Philip McNEMAR, Jr., and Elizabeth BEASLEY? See HCJ, Vol. IV, Iss 4, pp 189-198. Or did he come from the branches that remained in Hardy Co?

6. I'm of the opinion that what is now called the Peterson Cemetery on Oil Creek was originally the Walnut Grove Methodist Church Cem. Is that fact or presumption?

I am seeking info on the pars of John GODFREY, b 1746/Fauquier Co, VA, as well as info on John GODFREY and wife Sarah ROBY/ROBEY. They were poss marr in Hardy Co and later moved to Lewis Co. Both in declining years stayed with the DUVALL in-laws. P. Whit GODFREY, 10065 Briarwood Dr., St. Louis, MO 63124 PH (314) 994-3209.

Editor's Note: Yes, Whit, Peterson is the same as Walnut Grove.

7. Robert F. ROMINE b ca 1796, d May 1874, Harrison Co, WV, m Sarah McPHEARSON, b ca 1800. Robert's father, James ROMINE, d in Harrison Co, ca 1851. Sarah d/o James McPHEARSON (1768-1839) and Elizabeth DAVIS (1780-1871). Who were James Romine's parents and who wa his wife? James and Elizabeth (DAVIS) McPHEARSON m in Frederick Co, VA, 1795. Who were Elizabeth's parents? In 1880 Sarah ROMINE was head of household living in Western Subdivision, Lewis Co, WV, next door to son James. Where did Sarah die and where is she buried? Linda (BRAKE) MEYERS, 9682 Woodgate Lane, Byron, IL 61010-9556 PH *15-234-4207

8. Who were the pars of Sarah A. O. McKINNEY, w/o Silas TALBOTT? What is the lineage of Thomas GAINES/GAIN/GAINS, b 1818, and husband of Mary A. CHORPENING? Who were pars of Sarah COLE, w/o Daniel BARTLETT? I have some info on line of Rev. John MARKS of Loudoun Co, VA, who desc Benjamin J. MARKS settled on Brushy Fork, Barbour Co, ca 1830. I would be happed to corr. with anyone interested. I seek more information some of Benjamin's children. Joseph MARKS, 3738 William Flynn Hwy, Slippery Rock, PA 16057-9157.

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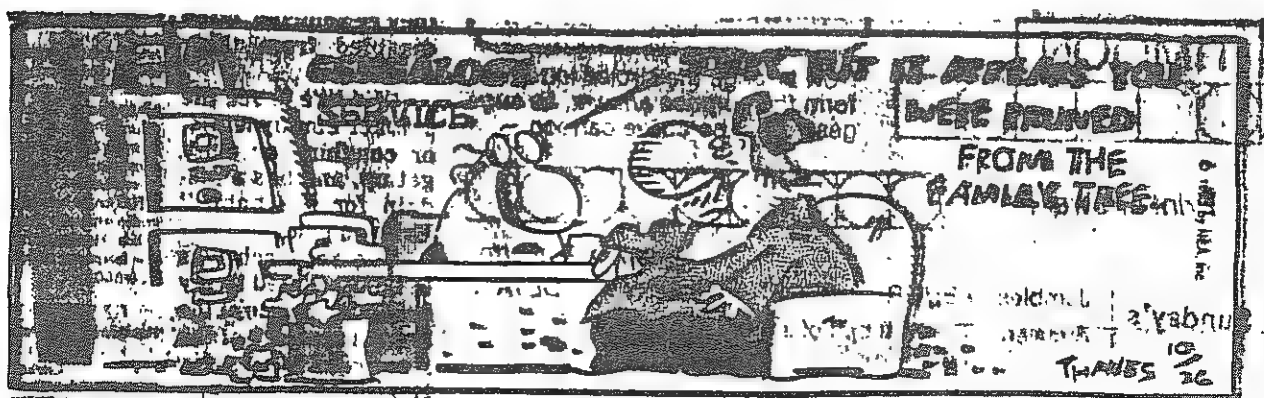
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